PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF NEBRASKA,

HELD IN KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, OMAHA, NEB., OCTOBER 11-15, 1911.

REV. OLIVER D. BALTZLY, PH.D., PASTOR.

Also the MINUTES of the THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA,

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Synodical Calendar, 1911-1912.

OFFICERS.

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Rev. L. P. LUDDEN, D. D., 2 years, Rev. J. E. HUMMON, 1 year.

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SPEAKERS FOR 1912.

Devotional Services for Entire Session of Synod, Rev. J. H. RICHARD.

Wednesday Night—Synodical Sermon.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
Rev. C. J. RINGER, *President,*	Rev. R. M. BADGER, *Secretary.*

Thursday Night—"Our Men."

Rev. L. J. POWELL,	Rev. E. LEE FLECK.

Friday Night—"Christian Education."

Rev. O. D. BALTZLY, Ph. D.,	Rev. M. D. BERG.

Saturday Afternoon—Preparatory Service.

Rev. M. E. BOLLINGER,	Rev. GUSTAVE KLATT.

Saturday Night—"The Lutheran and His Bible."

Rev. J. A. KOSER,	Rev. R. A. WHITE.

Sunday Morning—The Lord's Supper.

Rev. L. GROH, D. D.,	Rev. S. H. YERIAN, Ph. D.

Sunday Night—Ordination.

Rev. M. F. TROXELL, D. D.,	Rev. FULLER BERGSTRESSER.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time—October 9th, 1912. *Place*—North Platte, Neb.

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OCTOBER 11–15, 1911.

Pursuant to adjournment the Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska, October 11th-15th, 1911, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D., pastor.

EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1911, 8:00 P. M.

The Synodical Sermon was preached by Rev. John E. Hummon, President of Synod. Text: Matthew vi. 10, "Thy Kingdom Come."

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 9 A. M.

The half-hour devotional service was conducted by Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., of South Omaha.

At 9:30 Synod was called to order by President Hummon. The roll was called and credentials of lay delegates were received.

Synodical Roll.

	Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
1	W. F. Eyster, D. D.	1841	Crete, Neb.	
2	S. L. Aughey, D. D.	1858	Spokane, Wash.	
3	J. F. Kuhlman	1858	Pawnee City, Neb.	
4	J. G. Groenmiller, D. D.	1858	Hanover, Kans.	
5	B. Sickel	1862	Marysville, Kans.	
6	L. Groh, D. D.	1863	Omaha, Neb.	R. B. Weller.
7	J. L. Hammond	1870	Homer	J. M. King.
8	L. L. Lipe	1871	Grand Island	I. M. Augustine.
9	G. W. Snyder	1872	Omaha	W. R. Sheppard.
10	D. Z. Foulk	1873	York Springs, Pa.	
11	I. N. Augustine	1874	Grand Island.	
12	J. A. Koser	1874	Nebraska City	John Petring.
13	J. A. Lowe	1876	Wilber	F. J. Robertson, M. D.
14	L. P. Ludden, D. D.	1878	Lincoln.	
15	A. P. Ludwig	1879	Jamestown, Mo.	
16	Henry Heiner	1879	——, Texas.	
17	W. G. Gettel	1880	Table Rock.	
18	M. L. Melick	1880	Omaha	J. F. Smith.
19	M. F. Troxell, D. D.	1881	Atchison, Kans.	
20	L. M. Kuhns	1885	Omaha.	
21	R. A. White	1886	York	John A. Wilson.
22	E. Lee Fleck	1886	Lincoln.	
23	S. L. Keller	1887	Dakota	B. M. Boals.
24	A. E. Deitz	1891	Berne, N. Y.	
25	W. C. Eckert	1891	Dakota.	
26	J. H. Albrecht	1892	Benson	Hans Johnson.
27	H. C. Bixler	1892	Bruning	Harvey Keim.
28	Fuller Bergstresser	1893	Lincoln	Elmer C. Larson.
29	M. E. Bollinger	1893	Sutherland.	
30	C. J. Ringer	1894	Wayne	Robert Stambaugh.
31	H. A. Wolfe	1894	Davenport.	
32	M. D. Berg	1896	Hardy.	Roy Peckham.
33	B. F. Kistler	1896	Benson.	
34	G. W. Livers	1899	Benedict	A. W. Augustine.
35	S. H. Yerian, Ph. D.	1900	South Omaha	Prof. H. A. McFarland.
36	C. B. Harman	1900	North Platte	Prof. Wm. Ebright.
37	J. H. Richard	1900	McCool Junction	W. W. Seng.
38	J. E. Hummon	1901	Omaha.	
39	R. M. Badger	1902	Beatrice	F. H. Kimmerling.
40	C. H. B. Lewis	1904	Lincoln.	
41	L. J. Powell	1904	West Point	Prof. J. A. Stahl.
42	H. Voegtly	1904	Wolbach.	
43	Gustave Klatt	1905	Stamford.	
44	Oscar Woods	1905	Oshkosh.	
45	J. Howard Stough, Ph. D.		Chadron.	
46	Oliver D. Baltzly, Ph. D.		Omaha	E. A. Van Fleet, M. D.
47	H. C. Stafford	1909	Rising City	L. J. Saylor.

Synodical Roll—*Concluded.*

	Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
48	John Sorensen.....	1911	Potter	M. L. Spitzhart.
			Ericson.	Axiel Bogseth.
			Yutan	Jonas Bender.
			Tekamah	G. A. Crannell.
			Sidney	Fred G. Griffith.
			Ponca	S. B. Miksell.
			Stella.....	W. H. Hogrefe.
			Waverly	John Tiger.
			South Auburn	C. E. Blessing.

The President's Report was read and referred to the proper committee.

President's Report.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Fathers and Brethren:

We are assembled in the Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of the Nebraska Synod. Your President for the year 1910-11 brings you warmest greetings and prays for a helpful and inspiring, as well as a profitable, convention.

The year has been marked by nothing unusual; similar problems and difficulties, similar disappointments and discouragements, similar inspiration and encouragement, no doubt, as in the past, have attended. Some matters of great importance will come before this convention, and as this body determines in their deliberations, our educational and missionary work will be vitally affected. Of these I will make mention and offer recommendations later on in my report.

It has been a great pleasure to me personally to receive occasional letters of good cheer from the respective fields of labor in our Nebraska vineyard. The pastors, as a rule, have been hopeful and report much accomplished in the way of improvements of church properties, advances in spirituality and general growth in all departments of Church activities. We congratulate the brethren in their good work and their fidelity and industry in the service of the Master.

CHANGES IN SYNOD—DISMISSALS.

Rev. W. S. Oberholtzer to Rocky Mountain Synod, November 5th, 1910.

Rev. Charles R. Lowe to Iowa Synod, November 25th, 1910.

Rev. C. J. Callier to Northern Illinois Synod, November 28th, 1910.

Rev. R. W. Livers to Rocky Mountain Synod, January 5th, 1911.

Rev. Fred Ross Shirck to Iowa Synod, January 11th, 1911.

Rev. J. B. Guiney to Susquehanna Synod, February 28th, 1911.

Rev. George N. Mendenhall to Rocky Mountain Synod, August 1st, 1911.

Rev. E. H. Combs to Rocky Mountain Synod, September 8th, 1911.

Rev. G. W. Fraser to Miami Synod, October 5th, 1911.

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. Charles R. Lowe, November 1st, 1910, Rising City.

Rev. B. F. Kistler, January 1st, 1911, Benson.

Rev. Fred Ross Shirck, December 11th, 1910, Stella.

Rev. J. B. Guiney, October 2d, 1910, McCool.

Rev. Oscar Woods, February 19th, 1911, South Auburn.

Rev. John E. Hummon, March 1st, 1911, Omaha, Kountze Memorial.

Rev. A. E. Deitz, May 31st, 1911, Ponca.

Rev. Henry Heiner, August 1st, 1911, Havelock.

Rev. Geo. Trostle, July 1st, 1911, South Sioux and Hubbard.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Mr. John Sorensen, July 23d, 1910, Potter.

Rev. George Trostle, January 1st, 1911, South Sioux and Hubbard.

Rev. J. H. Albrecht, January 9th, 1911, Benson.

Rev. S. W. Young, March 5th, 1911, Tekamah.

Rev. J. H. Richard, March 12th, 1911, McCool.

Rev. Oliver D. Baltzly, Ph. D., June 1st, 1911, Omaha, Kountze Memorial.

Rev. H. C. Stafford, October 1st, 1911, Rising City.

INSTALLATIONS.

On February 5th, 1911, Mr. John Sorensen was installed at Potter; Rev. Luther P. Ludden, D. D., officiated.

On November 8th, 1910, Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., was installed at South Omaha; Dr. L. Groh and Rev. M. L. Melick officiated.

On January 29th, 1911, Rev. J. H. Albrecht was installed at Benson; Dr. L. Groh officiated.

On June 7th, 1911, Rev. Oliver D. Baltzly, Ph. D., Omaha,

Kountze Memorial; Dr. Holmes Dysinger and Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., and the President of the Synod officiating.

On July 13th, 1911, Rev. Oscar Woods was installed at Oshkosh and Lewellen; Rev. C. B. Harman officiating.

CHURCH DEDICATED.

The splendid new church, South Omaha, was completed early in the year and formally dedicated to the worship of God on March 12th, 1911.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev. J. Howard Stough, Ph. D., having been elected to a professorship in the new State Normal School, Chadron, Neb., and moving into the bounds of Nebraska Synod, submits letter to our Synod from the Synod of Kansas, bearing date April 22nd, 1911. The same was received by your President and Dr. Stough's name was ordered placed upon our Synodical roll.

Rev. S. W. Young received a call to the Tekamah pastorate, and on the 5th of March took charge of the work there. He has served in this field as pastor since that date, although he still retains his membership in the California Synod, from whence he came. He states that he desires to withdraw from the work, but on the earnest request of the good people in the churches there, he has promised to remain until another pastor can be secured.

Rev. George Trostle, of Lynchburg, Va., received and accepted a call to the South Sioux and Hubbard pastorate, and took charge January 1st, 1911, and resigned on July 1st, 1911. He has not submitted his letter of dismissal from the eastern Synod to the Nebraska Synod.

The work of Havelock being largely German and the congregation composed of German-speaking people, and in consideration of the following letter to the Friedens congregation by Pastor Heiner, "As the Traveling Secretary of the German Home Missions, Rev. G. K. Wiencke, has arrived, I have turned over the Friedens congregation to said Home Missionary," and in consideration of the following resolution of the trustees of said church, "Resolved, that we ask the President of Nebraska Synod to dismiss Friedens (Salem) congregation at Havelock, Neb., to the German Synod," and on the advice of our Western Secretary of Home Missions, Dr. Ludden, I recommend a letter of dismissal be granted this congregation to the German Nebraska Synod.

Mr. John Sorensen, having received a call from the congregation, Potter, Neb., and presenting himself before his congregation, asked ordination. Under advice of some of the older members of Synod arrangements were being made for the examination of

Mr. Sorensen by our Synodical Examining Committee and also the ordination service to follow, when objection was raised by one of the brethren on the ground of unconstitutionality. With many of the brethren concurring and on the ardent plea of Mr. Sorensen and his people, and in consideration of the location of this church far away from any other field, making it difficult to secure a regular ordained minister in case of necessity, we gave *ad interim* license to this brother, dated December 31st, 1910, to September 30th, 1911. Brother Sorensen is here to be regularly examined by our committee, and if found worthy, to appear for ordination at the hands of this Synod.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS.

The following important considerations have been referred by the General Synod to the district Synods, and accordingly must have our careful attention:

Proposed statement of the Doctrinal Basis of the General Synod Lutheran Church.

Changes of administration of our Beneficiary Educational System.

Change in the representation of the district Synod in the biennial convention of the General Synod.

A plan for the reorganization of the work of Home Missions in the General Synod.

In order to facilitate these considerations, I recommend that the matter of reorganization of the work of Home Missions be referred to the Traveling Secretary Committee, and that additional committees be appointed for each of the remaining propositions, that all may be brought before this convention in proper form.

In conclusion, I wish to say to the brethren of the Nebraska Synod, that I have appreciated the honor of being your President for the past year, and also during the past eight years your associate in the work of the gospel in the English Lutheran Church of Nebraska.

For every kindness I wish to extend to you my thanks. I shall ever remember these pleasant occasions and shall never cease to pray for you and your people, to the end that God may richly bless your efforts and you with success.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN E. HUMMON.

The Treasurer's Report was then read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

Members of the Nebraska Synod:

Herewith is submitted my annual report as Treasurer for the year ending October 3d, 1911:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand last report	$1138 33
Received for General Synod	62 40
Received for Synodical Treasury	946 19
Received for Home Missions	1027 41
Received for Foreign Missions	902 19
Received for Church Extension	592 64
Received for Board of Education	577 27
Received for Ministerial Education	542 40
Received for Pastors' Fund	207 81
Received for Nachusa Orphans' Home	128 15
Received for Deaconess Board	236 01
Received for National Lutheran Home	135 26
Received for Tabitha Home	219 08
Received for Midland Library Endowment	300 90
Received for external objects	1056 92
Borrowed	1738 67
Total	$9811 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of General Synod		$66 83
Paid Treasurer of Home Missions		1111 19
Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions		1111 85
Paid Treasurer of Church Extension		636 84
Paid Treasurer of Board of Education		608 07
Paid Treasurer of Pastors' Fund		257 14
Paid Treasurer of Nachusa Orphans' Home		140 95
Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board		290 01
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Home		175 63
Paid Treasurer of Tabitha Home		482 34
Paid Treasurer of Midland College		682 20
Paid Treasurer of Midland Improvement Fund		856 68
Paid on borrowed money		267 70
Paid from Synodical Mission Fund—Rev. G. W. Snyder		350 00
Paid from Ministerial Education Fund—		
M. P. Mortensen	$125 00	
Floyd Blessing	125 00	
Ralph Weissmiller	125 00	
John Hershey	125 00	
		500 00
Paid from Synodical Treasury—		
Rev. L. Groh, D. D.	$6 25	
Rev. M. L. Melick	33 08	
Rev. R. M. Badger	8 90	

Mr. K. K. Stoner	$5 00	
Rev. George W. Livers	9 40	
Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D.	15 70	
Rev. C. J. Ringer	1 00	
Rev. J. A. Lowe	10 40	
Beatrice Ex. Pub. Co.	2 75	
Lutheran Publication Society	250 23	
South Omaha Mission	1000 00	
On borrowed money	845 42	
On interest	17 50	
		$2205 63
Cash on hand		68 57
Total		$9811 63

Cash on hand is as follows:

Ministerial Education	68 56
Pastors' Fund	01

Synod owes amounts as follows:

On borrowed money	625 55
On bills already presented	44 15
Total	$669 70

The Treasurer's exhibit shows that $6,934.63 were received from the churches, and $1,738.67 were borrowed to carry out the instructions of last Synod; that 26 churches have paid in full or exceeded the apportionment; that there is a total deficit of $830.97; that Tabitha Home alone has an excess; that three churches gave nothing during the year, and a few only a small amount each.

I wish to mention the fact that several churches have liberally exceeded the apportionment, and the majority of the vacant churches have either met the full amount, or almost reached it, while many churches with regular pastors seem to think they have done their full duty, if they just meet the apportionment. On the whole, however, the laymen are beginning to realize they are only stewards, and with proper education, and urging on the part of our pastors, the Synod's whole apportionment should hereafter be met. But the strong churches must learn that they should help the weak ones.

According to the vouchers on hand, your Treasurer has paid out $9,743.07.

Since October 3rd, the following sums have been received:

Omaha, Grace	$18 10
Grand Island	59 65
Lewellyn	1 00
Lincoln	93 32

Respectfully submitted, JOSEPH H. MILLER.

Treasurer's Exhibit for the Synodical Year.

	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Nachusa Home.	Deaconess Board	National Lutheran Home.	Tabitha Home.	Midland Library Endowment.	External Objects.	Totals.	Deficits on Various Objects.
Auburn	$1 10	$15 95	$15 90	$16 00	$11 00	$11 00	$11 00	$3 85	.....	$4 95	$2 75	.....	$5 50	$61 00	$160 00	$8 25
Beatrice	3 48	50 46	60 90	52 20	34 80	34 80	34 80	12 18	$8 70	15 66	8 70	$6 84	17 40	.....	340 92	.....
Benedict, Bethel	46	6 67	8 95	6 90	4 60	4 60	4 60	1 61	1 15	2 07	1 32	29 17	14 00	.....	86 09	.....
Benedict, Zion	1 32	19 14	23 10	11 00	13 20	13 20	13 20	4 01	3 30	2 00	1 50	5 80	2 00	.....	112 77	15 93
Benson	.....	7 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 16	141 04
Bruning	1 30	5 00	18 70	10 00	8 00	2 50	5 00	2 00	3 25	2 85	2 25	10 00	.....	73 00	143 85	55 90
Dakota, Emmanuel	40	17 29	7 04	6 00	4 75	7 90	4 00	1 40	1 00	1 80	1 00	60	2 00	.....	55 18	.....
Dakota, Salem	1 66	24 07	20 05	24 90	16 60	16 60	16 60	5 81	4 15	7 47	4 38	2 49	8 30	13 00	175 08	.....
Davenport	1 64	32 10	33 67	53 42	26 40	21 40	16 40	6 38	5 00	7 38	5 00	16 73	10 00	.....	235 52	.....
Ericson	32	4 64	5 60	4 80	3 20	3 20	3 20	1 12	80	1 44	80	2 48	1 60	25 00	58 20	.....
Grand Island	3 20	46 40	.....	.....	16 14	32 00	32 00	11 20	.....	14 40	8 00	4 80	16 00	100 00	284 14	127 86
Hardy	1 62	24 80	30 35	28 30	18 20	16 20	16 20	7 55	4 05	7 29	4 05	2 45	8 10	25 00	194 16	.....
Hardy, Jewell	47	8 09	12 35	13 55	6 25	4 20	4 20	1 73	1 05	2 00	1 05	2 95	2 10	.....	59 99	.....
Hendley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50	20 90
Homer	62	9 00	10 85	9 30	6 20	6 20	6 20	2 17	1 55	2 79	1 55	93	3 10	.....	60 46	.....
Hubbard	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 80
Havlock	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124 80
Lewellen	76	5 00	8 30	5 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 94	3 80	.....	40 80	33 30
Lincoln	3 30	21 20	57 25	18 90	15 35	32 60	12 60	11 50	8 15	14 70	8 15	5 00	10 30	.....	225 00	92 85
McCool Junction	90	13 05	16 50	13 50	9 00	9 00	9 00	3 15	4 00	4 05	2 25	6 69	4 50	35 00	130 59	.....
Nebraska City	95	26 10	16 72	46 00	18 29	18 00	18 00	6 30	.....	.....	2 18	5 73	9 00	.....	167 27	8 23
North Platte	3 50	49 50	64 50	57 25	34 00	34 00	34 00	12 00	8 50	15 50	8 50	6 50	17 00	15 00	359 75	.....
Omaha, Grace	2 42	19 25	42 35	27 63	15 75	10 07	.....	5 00	6 05	.....	.....	3 63	.....	60 00	192 15	103 80
Omaha, Kountze Mem.	9 70	140 65	169 75	145 56	97 00	97 00	97 00	33 95	24 25	43 65	24 25	41 20	48 50	20 00	992 46	.....
Omaha, St. Mark's	2 60	37 70	45 50	66 00	26 00	26 00	26 00	9 10	6 50	11 70	6 50	5 00	13 00	20 00	301 60	.....
Orleans	16	2 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	.....	25	25	25	44	.....	.....	.....	8 35	7 25
Oshkosh	58	8 42	10 15	8 70	.....	.....	.....	2 04	.....	.....	.....	8 64	2 90	.....	41 43	15 12
Pawnee, Zion	14	2 03	2 45	2 10	1 40	1 40	1 40	49	35	63	35	21	70	.....	13 65	.....
Paxton	1 00	14 50	17 50	7 85	4 00	4 50	4 00	3 50	2 50	.....	.....	1 50	.....	30 00	90 85	36 65
Ponca	1 60	23 20	28 00	24 00	16 00	.....	16 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	5 10	2 00	11 50	129 40	39 10
Potter	80	16 60	14 00	17 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	2 80	2 00	3 60	2 00	1 20	4 00	.....	88 00	.....
Rising City	1 06	15 37	23 55	23 50	10 60	10 60	10 60	3 71	2 65	4 77	2 65	1 59	5 30	147 00	262 95	.....
Roca	28	4 06	4 90	4 20	2 80	2 80	2 80	98	70	1 26	70	42	1 40	6 00	33 30	.....
Sidney	1 00	14 50	17 50	6 50	10 00	10 00	10 00	3 50	.....	4 50	2 50	.....	5 00	.....	85 00	12 50

Treasurer's Exhibit for the Synodical Year.—*Concluded.*

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South Omaha	$1 40	$20 30	$24 50	$21 00	$14 00	$14 00	$14 00	$4 90	$3 50	$6 30	$3 50	$2 10	$7 00	.....	$136 50	.....
South Sioux	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$35 10
Stamford	1 00	4 50	4 00	3 50	6 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	8 83	.....	$80 25	109 80	95 25
Stella	1 30	18 85	18 65	13 00	13 00	13 00	13 00	4 55	.....	5 85	3 25	1 95	6 50	28 54	141 44	13 75
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The Statistical Secretary then gave his report. (See Parochial Table.)

Historian's Report was presented.

Historian's Report.

Your Historian submits the following report of his work as governed by the action of Synod a year ago: This action was that the Publication Committee should act also as a finance committee and secure advanced sales of the work and to hold over, for one year, the publication of the History, or until such sales will cover the expense of publication. The histories of the respective congregations, with few exceptions, were completed and in type-written form and presented at Synod a year ago for review by the respective pastors and lay delegates. But the action of Synod a year ago placed the Historian where he must stand and wait till the Publication and Finance Committees have done their work as then specified. Moreover the individuals appointed a year ago to write up Midland College, the Western Theological Seminary, the Young People's Societies, and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society have not yet done their work. We very much regret this delay. It increases the work of the Historian, as the histories of all the congregations now written must be brought up to date and creates some expense every year. The expenses of the past year are, and bill of same is herewith submitted:

Stationary	$2 50
Postage	1 80
For stenographic work	3 50
	$7 80

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That individuals be again appointed to write up Midland College, the Western Theological Seminary, the Young People's Societies and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and that the same be asked to do their work at once.

2. That the Publication and Finance Committee be continued or a new one appointed, and requested to see that the work be completed as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. MELICK, *Historian.*

Adopted as read and order drawn on the Treasurer for bill of same.

Rev. H. L. Yarger was recognized in his official capacity as representative of the Board of Church Extension, and motion carried that he be heard after the reading of the minutes of the afternoon session.

Rev. W. T. Kahse, Field Secretary of Midland College, was invited to a seat in the body, and motion carried that he be heard at some time, in his official capacity.

On motion, the bar of Synod was fixed within the ninth row of pews.

On motion, the reception of Mrs. Keim as a lay delegate was referred to a special committee of five.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. C. J. Ringer.
Secretary—Rev. Roy Mareen Badger.
Statistical Secretary—Rev. Geo. W. Livers.
Treasurer—Joseph H. Miller, M. D.
Historian—Rev. M. L. Melick.

Rev. H. C. Stafford was received as a member of Synod from Central Illinois Synod.

Rev. J. N. Zimmer, of the Rocky Mountain Synod, was invited to a seat in the body.

The hours of Synod were set at 9 to 11:45 and 1:30 to 4:30.

Rev. J. F. Cressler, of the Kansas Synod, was invited to sit with Synod.

Adjourned with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The schedule of the special committees was read.

Schedule of Special Committees.

President's Report—J. A. Koser, R. A. White, H. G. Bixler.

Auditing Committee—L. J. Powell, C. H. B. Lewis, R. B. Weller.

North Platte Conference—H. A. Wolfe, G. Klatt, F. H. Kimmerling.

South Platte Conference—S. W. Young, A. Bogseth, G. A. Crannell.

Western Conference—B. F. Kistler, H. C. Stafford, Jonas Bender.

State of Church—L. Groh, L. L. Lipe, L. J. Saylor.

Excuses—J. L. Hammond, M. E. Bollinger, F. G. Griffith.

Leave of Absence—M. L. Melick, W. W. Seng, John Petring.

Letters and Papers—Fuller Bergstresser, J. A. Lowe, C. B. Harman.

Resolutions—G. W. Livers, H. Voegtly, J. A. Stahl.

Apportionment—M. D. Berg, A. W. Augustine, Prof. Ebright.

Vacancies—J. E. Hummon, Oscar Woods, B. M. Boals.

Calendar—C. B. Harman, S. L. Keller, M. F. Troxell.

Claims—J. H. Miller, J. H. Albrecht, J. A. Wilson.

Devotional—O. D. Baltzly, L. Groh, M. L. Melick.

Protocol—G. W. Snyder, J. H. Richard, E. A. Van Fleet.

New Congregations—J. E. Hummon, S. H. Yerian, B. F. Kistler.

Assistant Secretary—G. W. Livers.

Reporters.

Lutheran Observer—R. A. White.

Lutheran World—L. J. Powell.

Local Papers—M. L. Melick.

Lincoln Papers—Fuller Bergstresser.

The President appointed as the special committee of five Revs. Baltzly, Harman, Hummon, Koser and Lowe.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., then brought the greetings of the Board of Church Extension.

Report of the Trustees of Nachusa Home.

Your Trustees of Nachusa Home would report that since the last meeting of Synod the work has gone forward at Nachusa, the building then under construction has been completed and was formally dedicated May 18th, 1911. It was a day of great joy. It gave us much needed room to properly care for our homeless ones and to reach out and take in others who were crying to come in, unconscious of their need, but destitute or orphaned children. It was a joyous day, because we could dedicate free from debt. Just a few things that we yet need with this new building. When we dedicated we needed a gas and water plant; the gas plant has come, is installed, and paid for; the water plant, with proper sewer system, will come, for God will answer the cry of His children and open somebody's heart to help us in our need. This new building gives us room now for forty children. The forty-acre farm, worked mainly by our own orphaned family under the wise direction of our splendid Superintendent and his wife, is a very great help in the support of the family. We have a very successful and helpful poultry yard, an excellent dairy and a good farm. The report, month by month, shows what a large part they take in the support of our big family at the Home.

The time of Rev. Luther P. Ludden as trustee expires this year.

In answer to the appeal for the Primary Department of our Sunday school toward the debt at Nachusa, the following gave at least one dollar for the Primary Department: Hardy, Rising City, Tekamah, St. Mark's, Omaha; Grace, Omaha; Kountze Memorial, Omaha; Yutan, North Platte, Waverly, Sidney, West Point, Potter, McCool Junction, Bruning, Ponca, Beatrice, Homer, Grace, Lincoln; Revs. Zimmer and Ludden.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
J. E. HUMMON.

Adopted.

Report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home.

Gentlemen and Brethren:

Tabitha Home has had a long and eventful career. Few institutions have such a record of helpful ministry, of struggles and of triumphs.

In conducting a charitable institution there is more work and

worry than most people think. The most thankless task one can undertake is to minister to the indigent aged. At the same time one cannot busy his hands and heart in a nobler and more necessary work. Even if it does exact untold sacrifices and require infinite patience, it is the Master's own work. If we were to neglect this work or give it meagre and indifferent support the sting and shame of such selfish and heartless indifference would lash us through the countless ages to come. Having once gotten under the need of Tabitha Home we can illy drop the care of it as long as it is in our power to do so.

In spite of the heavy financial burden breaking the back and crippling the influence of the Home, the continued support, interest and confidence of the Church is expected as a matter of course.

The present debt is approximately $38,000.00, having been reduced about $8,000.00 in the past year.

At present there are two deaconesses in the Home, Sisters Christina and Ida, making more sacrifice and serving for less pay than any preacher in the land.

There are now thirteen orphans in the home, and twenty-four aged men and women. During the entire year there were twenty orphans and thirty aged men and women. There are now ten beds occupied in the hospital.

With a few exceptions the health of the inmates has been good.

The Superintendent, Rev. M. Koolen, having accepted the pastorate recently vacated by the Rev. J. F. Krueger, and being able to devote but half of his time to the work, will receive $40.00 per month, beginning with September.

During the year many improvements have been made. A new gasoline engine has been installed, fire protection has been provided, some of the rooms replastered, a corner of the main building rebuilt, a chicken yard and a hog lot fenced in, driveways graded and trees trimmed, and some cement work done. The German brethren have contributed sufficient money to purchase two cows.

There has been an abundance of fruit and vegetables grown on the place, and the collector, Mr. Berry, has brought in a half-dozen car loads of feed and provisions.

The controversy over the legality of the liens still rages. The Home lost in the lower court and has appealed to the Supreme Court.

With gratitude for past favors, your trustees would bespeak a continuance of the same.

Respectfully submitted, FULLER BERGSTRESSER,
J. H. HUMPE.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Application of New Congregations.

The application for membership into our Synod made by St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, 19th and Castellar Streets, Omaha, Neb., Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor, has had the consideration of your committee; the papers with constitution were carefully examined. We find all requirements met, and recommend the admission of the congregation into the Synod and placed on the honor roll.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HUMMON,
S. H. YERIAN,
B. F. KISTLER.

Adopted.

Dr. L. Groh gave his report as the fraternal delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

Report of Fraternal Delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

Your delegate to this energetic body would report that his reception was most brotherly. His greetings were reciprocated most fraternally. Relation between these two bodies is a most friendly one.

Respectfully submitted, L. GROH.

Adopted.

On motion, S. B. Miksell was received as the delegate from Ponca.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., was heard as the official representative of the Board of Home Missions.

Rev. Richard Richter, fraternal delegate from the German Nebraska Synod, was introduced and extended the greetings of that body.

Report of Committee on Systematic Benevolence.

Your Committee on Systematic Benevolence has distributed 12,500 pink envelopes and 2,000 blue envelopes at a cost of $27.24.

There has been a little increase in benevolence, but there is room for improvement.

Your committee would recommend the following:

1. The observance of the various days designated by the Church for the different objects.

2. A continuance of a systematic effort on the part of the pastors and churches.

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR WOODS,
JOS. H. MILLER.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 8 P. M.

An address on the Pastor's Fund, "A Good Minister of Jesus Christ," was given by Rev. Fuller Bergstresser.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 9 A. M.

After a thirty minutes' devotional service, led by Rev. G. W. Snyder, Synod was called to order and prayer was offered.

Roll call. Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We, your Committee on President's Report, would respectfully submit the following:

We state with pleasure that our retiring President has performed the duties of his office with untiring faithfulness, for which he deserves the thanks of this body.

The report calls to our attention the fact that while Rev. S. W. Young took charge at Tekamah, March 5th, he has not as yet presented a letter of dismissal from the California Synod, of which he is a member. We would recommend that Brother Young be requested to state before Synod his reasons for withholding his membership from this body.

We recommend that Synod endorse the act on the part of our President in dismissing the mission at Havelock to the German Nebraska Synod, in view of the large percentage of German members in the same.

Attention has been called to certain important considerations which have come down to us from the General Synod. We would recommend that the matters of change of Doctrinal Basis, and representation at General Synod be referred to the Committee on Letters and Papers; that the plan for reorganization of our home missionary work be referred to our Committee on Traveling Secretary, and that a committee be appointed to report at this session on the change of our system of Beneficiary Education.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
R. A. WHITE,
H. C. BIXLER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Into the hands of your Committee on Letters and Papers has come a communication from the officials of the General Synod bearing notice of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod, the same being submitted for our consideration and action, as follows:

By action of the General Synod at its last Convention in Washington, D. C., in June, 1911, and in accordance with its Constitution (Art. VI., Sec. 2), the following proposed amendments or alterations to the Constitution of the General Synod are hereby submitted to you for your consideration and action:

I. That Article II., Section 1, be amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting the following: "Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod may send one delegate for every ten ministers it contains, and for a remaining major fraction of that number, of the rank of an ordained minister, and an equal number of laymen. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay delegate."

[Cf. page 124, Minutes of 1909, and page 21, Minnutes of 1911.]

II. (1) *First Amendment.* The insertion of a new article to be known as

Article II.

Doctrinal Basis.

With the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Fathers, the General Synod receives and holds the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and it receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of our Church as founded upon the Word.

(2) *Second Amendment.* The insertion of another new article, namely:

Article III.

The Secondary Symbols.

While the General Synod regards the Augsburg Confession as a sufficient and altogether adequate doctrinal basis for the co-operation of Lutheran Synods, it also recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Small Catechism of Luther, the Large Catechism of Luther, and the Formula of Concord as expositions of Lutheran doctrine of great historical and interpretative value, and especially commends the Small Catechism as a book of instruction.

(3) *Third Amendment.* Change the number of the present Article II. to IV., strike out its third section, and substitute for it the following:

Article IV.

Section 3. Any properly organized Lutheran Synod may be received into the General Synod at any meeting, provided it shall

have adopted this Constitution with its Doctrinal Basis as set forth in Article II.

[Cf. pages 23 and 24, Minutes of 1911.]

We recommend:

First. The rejection of the proposed amendment of Article 2, Section 1.

Second. That action on amendments First, Second and Third be postponed until the next convention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, FULLER BERGSTRESSER,
J. A. LOWE,
C. B. HARMAN.

Adopted.

Rev. S. W. Young, a member of the California Synod, was invited to a seat with the body.

Motion was made and carried, that all shortage in Synodical Treasury and Synodical Home Mission Fund be assessed back to those congregations showing shortage in these columns.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution of Synod as to who shall be its members were adopted to read as follows:

AMENDMENT I.

ARTICLE 3. SECTION 1.—This Synod shall consist of all the ordained ministers and licentiates whose licenses have been granted by the Synod in session, on examination and recommendation of the Examining Committee, and also shall be in conformity with Chapter 10 of the Formula of Government and Discipline of the General Synod, together with the lay delegates from the various pastorates within its jurisdiction. Ministers in the general service of the Church may become members in like manner. Visiting ministers in good standing in other Lutheran Synods of this and other Evangelical denominations may be invited to a seat at any convention of Synod, and may have the privilege of speaking on any subject discussed, but shall have no vote.

AMENDMENT II.

(See page 46, Minutes 1909, as follows: "They shall examine all candidates for ordination and licensure," etc.)

Rev. Pfeiffer of the German Nebraska Synod was introduced to Synod.

The Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions was given, considered *seriatim*.

Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

The missionary activities of the Nebraska Synod have not accomplished that degree of success satisfactory to the Advisory Board, and we are confident that our report will bring disappointment to the Synod. However, if it will emphasize a need so glaringly evident to many of us, move this body to a complete transformation or reorganization of our Home Mission work, a good purpose will be subserved. We desire greater progress in the future and no failures, and when a field is occupied and nothing is accomplished in one, two or three years, the authorities of Synod should make an investigation, seek out the cause, and remedy the difficulty. We are too prone to save the feelings of men regardless of the loss of the field. We beg to report the following facts regarding conditions on the field:

Beemer—Wisner: This is as yet an unoccupied field. Rev. L. J. Powell, the successful pastor at West Point, has made some investigation, and reports sufficient interest in our English Lutheran Church, to organize a church, stronger than some which the Synod is already cultivating and maintaining. He states, however, that the time is not altogether ripe to perfect an organization at either point. We commend Brother Powell's missionary spirit, and we recommend that the care of these two points be entrusted to him the coming year and that any expense which may be incurred, over that provided on the field, in the development of the work be paid out of our Synodical Treasury up to $25.00.

Grace Church, Omaha: Rev. M. L. Melick, pastor. This mission during the year made another reduction in the amount of aid asked from the Board of Home Missions and is now receiving only $150.00 per year. On May 1st, 1912, it is the intention of this mission to become self-sustaining. The benevolences of Grace church have been advancing, this year making a larger contribution to the apportionment than ever before.

Bruning: This mission reports a present membership of 76 and an enrollment in the Sunday school of 125, an active teacher-training Bible class numbering 23 members, and a thriving missionary band. The mission raised for all purposes during the year, including $1,050.00 for a cemetery, $2,850.00. H. C. Bixler is the missionary, and is always hopeful in his work.

Wilber: This mission is located in a county seat of about 1,100 people which is noted for its materialistic temper, which makes

it a very difficult field, but one of very great need. Rev. J. A. Lowe is the faithful pastor and appreciates the experience which causes the mental condition of the people from Bohemia. Several Protestant churches have been discontinued and at this time Brother Lowe is the only resident pastor. It is our profound conviction that the light of God's Truth should be kept burning in this place, and as we have here a good church and parsonage property and an earnest, devoted pastor, we should give this work our earnest moral support.

Pawnee: Efforts were made during the year to resurrect this work and put a man in the field. Brothers Badger and Berg made a canvass and arranged for a summer supply. But the supply could not be secured and the plans could not be carried out. There are good people in Pawnee who want the church revived and desire a pastor.

Havelock: Rev. Heiner, pastor. This work proceeded downward. Pastor Heiner turned what remained of the work over to the German brethren and our English work is no more. We rejoice, however, that the work has been saved to our General Synod, and that prospects point to the development of a great church under the care and culture of the German Nebraska Synod.

St. Matthew's, Omaha: Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor. It will be remembered that the Advisory Board reported this work last year under the name of "Trinity". During the year on consideration that the old Kountze Memorial Mission in the south part of town was conducted under the name St. Matthew's and other considerations the church was organized with the name St. Matthew's. This church adopted a constitution, submitted the same to Synod, with an application for membership. By action of this Synod yesterday, October 12th, this new mission was received and given a place on our Synodical roll. This mission has a fine field, and with a membership of 20 to begin with and a Sunday school averaging 80 to 90 during the year, the prospects are good for success.

Sutherland-Paxton: Rev. M. E. Bollinger, pastor. We have kept in touch with this work through our faithful and ever-enthusiastic brother, Rev. C. B. Harman, of North Platte. The difficulties in this field have been many and the pastor has shown himself worthy of commendation in standing true to his mission. With a meager salary in this day of high cost of living, this brother has fought the battle of this struggling mission with true Christian courage. The work has prospered. The future promises better things. The Advisory Board has appreciated Brother Harman's interest in the work and also Brother Bollinger's industry and faithfulness.

Oshkosh-Lewellen: Rev. Oscar Woods, pastor. This mission was unfortunate in losing its pastor immediately after our Synodical convention at Beatrice, in the resignation of Rev. C. J. Callier. However, fortunate in securing another in the person of Rev. Oscar Woods, of South Auburn, who is proving himself the right man for the place. Since the new pastor has taken charge the work has made progress, congregations have been larger, and the Sunday school has improved in every way. The work in this fine country is very hopeful.

York: Rev. R. A. White, pastor. Progress and advancement is the report which we bring from this mission. Improvements to the extent of an expenditure of $366.62 have been made on the church property and 16 new members added to the church roll. Pastor reports: "While we are yet far from the place where we can stand alone, I think the outlook is brighter than at any time in the past."

Potter: Rev. John Sorenson, pastor. The work has prospered at Potter under the leadership of Rev. Sorensen. After careful survey of the work, Mr. Sorensen recommends that Potter and Sidney be united in one charge. "At any rate," he states, "this procedure would be a blessing to Potter." We are informed since the opening of Synod that this would not be at all agreeable to Sidney. And yet we cannot see why? This would be a splendid way to make a fine, self-sustaining charge, and we believe that the right man could secure the union.

Wolbach and Ericson: Rev. Henry Voegtly, pastor. This work is reported in splendid condition. Benevolences for Wolbach all in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod on Easter Monday, and $50.00 additional was contributed to Midland College. The pastor reports encouragement on every hand. A class of fifteen bright young people were confirmed on last Easter Sunday, and the pastor has organized another class of sixteen to be received into the church the coming Easter season. Rev. Voegtly has proved himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

Benson: Rev. J. H. Albrecht, pastor. We are sorry that the Advisory Board cannot bring to this Synod a report as encouraging as in former years. In some respects the work has been satisfactory—the debt reduced about $200.00, and the Sunday school maintaining its own. But this work is not going as it should. The causes alleged as responsible for the condition are, first, the $400.00 indebtedness; second, difficulties existing between the former pastor, Rev. B. F. Kistler, and the present pastor and congregation. The congregation still owes its former pastor over

$200.00 on salary and also house rent. Suit has been brought for house rent and a judgment rests at this time against the congregation. There is something radically wrong in this work, and should be investigated, and set right at the earliest possible opportunity. We recommend that a committee be appointed immediately to investigate the conditions prevailing in the Benson work, and that said committee report at this meeting of Synod.

South Omaha: Rev. Dr. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., pastor. In last year's report language something like this was used in connection with this work, "Here we have the right man for the right place." This has proved true. Dr. Yerian has truly done a great work in this field, as his report shows. During the year he has received 59 new members, and has a catechetical class of 40 under instruction at the present time. Over $5,000.00 has been raised and expended in the work this year. The new church was completed and dedicated. The pastor's salary was raised twice, and every cent of benevolences was forwarded to the Treasurer of Synod on the week following Easter Sunday. The Sunday school enrolls 250 pupils, and a thriving Mission Band encourages the pastor's heart. The secret of success in this case lies in work; this you will understand when you hear that Rev. Yerian made 364 calls during the month of September. In all the missionary work of the Synod there is none more hopeful than St. Luke's, South Omaha.

The Advisory Board recognizes the need of a Synodical Superintendent, and we pray that the Synod this year will arrange for this work, and as soon as convenient a man be placed in the field for the one specific purpose of giving supervision over our churches, supplying vacancies, giving encouragement and assistance to our missionaries, and aiding congregations vacant to secure pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HUMMON,
J. L. HAMMOND,
L. GROH,
B. F. KISTLER,
R. M. BADGER.

Adopted as a whole.

President appointed as a special committee on Ministerial Education, the present Educational Committee.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Traveling Secretary was made the first order for the afternoon.

Report of the special Committee on the reception of women as lay delegates.

Report of the Special Committee on the Reception of Women as Lay Delegates.

Your committee of five ministers to whom was referred the question of admitting a woman delegate to this convention of Synod would report that her name has been withdrawn for enrollment. In order, however, that the position of this Synod may be recorded for future direction we would respectfully report that,

1. WHEREAS, It is not in keeping with the universal custom of our Lutheran Church to admit women delegates to the conventions of its Synods; and,

2. WHEREAS, While not contrary to the letter of our Constitution to admit women delegates, it is nevertheless foreign to the spirit of our Constitution and was not contemplated when it adopted this Constitution; and,

3. WHEREAS, It is not in keeping with the former declarations of this Synod upon this same question; therefore, be it

Resolved, That women delegates shall not be enrolled as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER D. BALTZLY,
C. B. HARMAN,
J. E. HUMMON,
J. A. LOWE,
J. A. KOSER.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Session opened with prayer, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The President appointed as Special Committee on Benson, Revs. Koser, Harman and Lipe.

Motion made and carried that the Advisory Board of Home Missions be authorized to examine the constitution of any congregation that may be organized during the *interim*; and, if found in accordance with our constitution, the President of Synod be authorized to enroll the congregation, subject to the approval of Synod.

By common consent, the Traveling Secretary's Report was deferred until 2 o'clock.

Report of Committee on Protocol.

Your committee reports that an examination of the Protocol proves it to be correctly and neatly kept.

Respectfully submitted, G. W. SNYDER,
J. H. RICHARD,
E. A. VAN FLEET, M. D.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of North Platte Conference.

Your committee offer the following report:

We have examined carefully the minutes of the last meeting of the North Platte Conference and find but one item to which the attention of Synod should be called. On page 79, in the resolutions adopted, the third resolution reads, "That Conference hereby memorialize the Nebraska Synod to make arrangements at the coming convention in Omaha for a Missionary Superintendent in Nebraska, to do such missionary work as the Synod may direct." We recommend that this resolution be favorably considered by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted, H. A. WOLFE,
F. H. KIMMERLING,
GUSTAVE PLATT.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Western Conference.

Your Committee on the Western Conference reports that on account of the long distances between pastorates and great number of changes of pastors, no conference was held, although several efforts were made to arrange for a meeting.

Respectfully submitted, B. F. KISTLER,
H. C. STAFFORD,
J. BENDER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of South Platte Conference.

Your Committee on South Platte Conference held a meeting last April 18th-20th, at Davenport, Neb., Rev. H. A. Wolfe, pastor.

The program was well carried out, as each speaker came well prepared for the occasion.

Vital questions were introduced and ably handled to the edifica-

tion of all present and a general uplift to the Church. With Peter of old, it was "good to be there."

Nothing special calling attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, S. W. YOUNG,
G. A. CRANNELL.

Adopted.

On motion, Synod recommended to the Board of Home Missions that assistance be given the work at Hendly.

Report of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

The committee respectfully reports the following:

On March 17th, 1911, the committee as elected one year ago met in Young Men's Christian Association building of Omaha. The President of Synod appointed Brother J. F. Wilhelmy a member of the committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brother M. W. Swain. The committee was organized by electing J. F. Wilhelmy, President; M. L. Melick, Secretary, and J. F. Smith, Treasurer. Brothers J. F. Smith and L. D. Thoelecke were appointed a committee on repairing and renting the property, known as the Traveling Secretary house, located at 1819 Pinkney Street, Omaha, paying taxes, keeping the property insured and to have general oversight of the same.

The papers of the former Treasurer, M. W. Swain (deceased), were handed over by the family to J. F. Smith, who became Mr. Swain's successor in office, and was instructed to hold said papers. On canvassing these papers, the committee found that on October 19th, 1910, there was on hand accumulated rent money $392.00.

Bills paid since October 19, 1910—

Omaha Plumbing and Heating Co.	$1 80
Wheeler and Weplon Co.	24 00
T. J. Beard and Bros., for painting	50 00
Alfred Bloom Co.	30 00
Total	$105 80
Leaving balance due committee	286 20
	$392 00

At this time your Secretary (M. L. Melick) stated to the committee that ever since September, 1906, the committee has had $307.80 on deposit with the Treasurer of Synod to hold in trust for this committee. That this money at the meeting of Synod in 1906 was placed into the Synodical Mission Fund, with the instruction that a Traveling Secretary should be placed in the field and paid from this fund. But Synod failed to place a man in the

field, and at the meeting of Synod in 1910 it appears the Synodical Mission Fund was made one with the Synodical Treasury Fund, and Synod now voted $300.00 of said $307.00 to the salary of Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor of Trinity, now St. Matthew's church, of Omaha, and that this $300.00 has gone far astray from the conditions of the title to our property located at 1819 Pinkney Street, Omaha.

Therefore the committee instructed the Secretary to open negotiations with the officers of Synod to recover the said $300.00, since it is money that can be used for no purpose other than the salary of the Traveling Secretary, or for the repairing of the property.

After such negotiations with the President of Synod, we were instructed to recommend at this time that this committee be reimbursed out of the Synodical Treasury Fund. Early in the summer your committee requested the house to be vacated and made the necessary repairs shown in the Treasurer's report.

Your committee would respectfully ask your permission that if we cannot at this time be reimbursed with the $300.00 voted out of our control a year ago, that we be allowed to use the rent of the house until the amount we spent for repairs be recovered.

Your committee, in recognition of the great need of placing a Traveling Secretary in the field as soon as possible, has appointed a sub-committee to draft resolutions looking forward to this, and report the same at this meeting of Synod. The Treasurer's report will also follow.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. MELICK, *Secretary.*

Adopted.

The Treasurer of the Traveling Secretary Fund was heard and his report adopted.

Statement of Treasurer of Traveling Secretary's Committee.

As we find Mr. Swain's account.

1910.		
September 19th—Balance on hand	$312 00	
December 31st—Four months' rent at $20.00	80 00	
		$392 00
DISBURSEMENTS.		
September 30th—T. J. Beard, payment on painting house	$50 00	
October 1st—Omaha Plumbing Co., plumbing	1 80	
November 1st—Wheeler and Welton, insurance, three years	24 00	
		75 80
Deficit		$316 20

Statement of rent from January 1st, 1911, to July 1st, 1911, Swain, Jr., tenant.

July 1st—Six months' rent at $20.00 per month		$120 00

CREDIT.

1911.		
January 24th—T. J. Beard and Bros., balance Painting	$95 25	
January 26th—Omaha Water Co.	10 75	
		106 00
Deficit		$14 00

1911—Statement, house, 1819 Pinkney St., Omaha, Neb.

DISBURSEMENTS.

July 17th—Andrew J. Newman, plastering house	$6 00	
August 1st—Adam Jameson, plumbing in house	117 60	
August 1st—Louis G. Tholecke, painting, papering	130 00	
September 1st—John Hussie Hardware Co., hardware and screens	2 19	
September 8th—World Herald Pub. Co., advertising house	98	
September 12th—Bullard, Hoagland and Benedict, lumber	5 25	
September 12th—Gustave Hanson, carpenter work	11 50	
Discount on bank note	2 50	
		$276 02
August 17th—Our note discounted	$250 00	
October 1st—Balance overdrawn	26 02	
		$276 02

J. F. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

Report of Committee of Traveling Secretary on Re-organizing the Board of Home Missions.

Your committee does not believe that the plan projected by the General Board of Home Missions is a feasible one.

1st. On account of the proposed Superintendent being finally controlled by the General Board of Home Missions whose knowledge of conditions must necessarily frequently be inaccurate on account of being so far removed from the territory. Neither do we believe in too strong a central power, which takes away the directness of the work and hence much of the interest.

2d. On account of the proposed districts being so large that such a Superintendent could not do much more than make general visits, or in other words travel and give possibly a little cheer and general good-wishes of the General Board. Contrariwise, the committee does believe that the absolute need is a Superintendent that will stay long enough at one place to really do something. Accordingly the following recommendations are offered for your consideration:

Realizing the great need of extending the work of Christ in our

prosperous State, which is a prolific field for our beloved Church, and seeing the importance of strengthening many weak places which might be made strong by proper nurture and management, we believe that the Church of Jesus Christ has a legitimate business side as well as a spiritual, and that if we would have the higher success, an increase of which the Scriptures speak as "a hundredfold," we must use the same alertness and commonsense business tact as in any legitimate earthly business. Accordingly we recommend:

1st. That a Synodical Superintendent be secured as soon as a suitable person can be obtained.

2d. That this Synod apportion each communicant member 50 cents per year for Synodical Treasury and Synodical Mission Fund, from which treasury the Synodical Superintendent shall secure his remuneration. But the general apportionment shall not exceed $2.00 per year. This, however, does not imply that such a Synodical Superintendent shall not endeavor to secure all the aid possible for this agency of the Church, from direct donations; but rather that there may be a sure place of support that the work need not be hampered.

3rd. That all the money secured by the Synodical Superintendent, either by direct donations or from congregations or missions he may serve, shall be turned into the Treasury from whence his support comes.

4th. That at least for the first year the salary of such an officer shall not exceed $1,200.00 and house rent, or $1,500.00, should such a person pay his own house rent. The natural expense of carrying on the work is not to be included in the above figures.

5th. There being such a close connection in the duties, in fact an over-lapping, between the so-called Traveling Secretary's Committee and Advisory Board of Home Missions, we recommend that the two committees be merged into one under the title of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

6th. That these two committees be intrusted in securing a suitable man, do all in their power to finance the project and be the body under which the Synodical Superintendent is to labor.

Respectfully submitted, S. H. YERIAN,
J. E. HUMMON.

Adopted.

On motion, the Secretary of Synod was instructed to send a copy of the report to Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., at Baltimore.

On motion, the Committee on Traveling Secretary were instructed to use the funds from rent of house for refunding money advanced.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Synodical Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Home for Aged.	Tabitha Home.	Midland Library Endowment.	Totals.
Per Member	....	$0 03	$0 10	$0 40	$0 35	$0 30	$0 20	$0 20	$0 20	$0 07	$0 05	$0 03	$0 07	$2 00
Auburn	55	1 65	5 50	22 00	19 25	16 50	11 00	11 00	11 00	3 85	2 75	1 65	3 85	110 00
Beatrice	182	5 46	18 20	72 80	63 70	54 60	36 40	36 40	36 40	12 74	9 10	5 46	12 74	364 00
Benedict, Bethel	33	99	3 30	13 20	11 55	9 90	6 60	6 60	6 60	2 31	1 65	99	2 31	66 00
Benedict, Zion	68	2 04	6 80	27 20	23 80	20 40	13 60	13 60	13 60	4 76	3 40	2 04	4 76	136 00
Benson	98	4 46	31 84	39 20	34 30	29 40	19 60	19 60	19 60	6 86	4 90	2 94	6 86	219 56
Bruning	76	2 28	21 45	30 40	26 60	22 80	15 20	15 20	15 20	5 32	3 80	2 28	5 32	165 85
Davenport	83	2 49	8 30	33 20	29 05	24 90	16 60	16 60	16 60	5 81	4 15	2 49	5 81	166 80
Dakota, Emanuel	21	63	2 10	8 40	7 35	6 30	4 20	4 20	4 20	1 47	1 05	63	1 47	42 00
Dakota, Salem	79	2 37	7 90	31 60	27 65	23 70	15 80	15 80	15 80	5 53	3 95	2 37	5 53	158 00
Grand Island	165	4 95	16 50	66 00	57 75	49 50	33 00	33 00	33 00	11 55	8 25	4 95	11 55	330 00
Hardy, St. Paul	85	2 55	8 50	34 00	29 75	25 50	17 00	17 00	17 00	5 95	4 25	2 55	5 95	170 00
Hardy, Jewel	22	66	2 20	8 80	7 70	6 60	4 40	4 40	4 40	1 54	1 10	66	1 54	44 00
Homer, St. Paul	33	99	3 30	13 20	11 55	9 90	6 60	6 60	6 60	2 31	1 65	99	2 31	66 00
Hubbard, Trinity	25	72	9 30	9 60	8 40	7 20	4 80	4 80	4 80	1 68	1 20	72	1 68	54 96
South Sioux	18	90	7 02	7 20	6 30	5 40	3 60	3 60	3 60	1 26	90	54	1 26	41 58
Lincoln, Grace	175	5 25	17 50	70 00	61 25	52 50	35 00	35 00	35 00	12 25	8 75	5 25	12 25	350 00
McCool	64	1 92	6 40	25 60	22 40	19 20	12 80	12 80	12 80	4 48	3 20	1 92	4 48	128 00
North Platte	175	5 25	17 50	70 00	61 25	52 50	35 00	35 00	35 00	12 25	8 75	5 25	12 25	350 00
Nebraska City	92	3 71	9 20	36 80	32 20	27 60	18 40	18 40	18 40	6 44	4 60	2 76	6 44	184 95
Omaha, Kountze	400	12 00	40 00	160 00	140 00	120 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	28 00	20 00	12 00	28 00	800 00
Omaha, St. Mark's	128	3 84	12 80	51 20	44 80	38 40	25 60	25 60	25 60	8 96	6 40	3 84	8 96	256 00

Omaha, Grace	127	3	21	10	70	42	80	37	45	32	10	21	40	21	40	21	40	7	49	5	35	3	21	7	49	214	00
Omaha, St. Matthew's.	20		60	2	00	8	00	7	00	6	00	4	00	4	00	4	00	1	40	1	00		60	1	40	40	00
Oshkosh, St. Mark's ..	28		84	2	80	11	20	9	80	8	40	5	60	5	60	5	60	1	96	1	40		84	1	96	56	00
Lewellen, Grace	36	1	08	9	62	14	40	12	60	10	80	7	20	7	20	7	20	2	52	1	80	1	08	2	52	78	02
Ponca	85	2	55	8	50	34	00	29	75	25	50	17	00	17	00	17	00	5	95	4	25	2	55	5	95	170	00
Pawnee, First	20		60	7	80	8	00	7	00	6	00	4	00	4	00	4	00	1	40	1	00		60	1	40	45	80
Pawnee, Zion	7		61		70	2	80	2	45	2	10	1	40	1	40	1	40		49		35		21		49	14	40
Potter	40	1	20	4	00	16	00	14	00	12	00	8	00	8	00	8	00	2	80	2	00	1	20	2	80	80	00
Rising City	52	1	56	5	20	20	80	18	20	15	60	10	40	10	40	10	40	3	64	2	60	1	56	3	64	104	00
Surprise	15		45	1	50	6	00	5	25	4	50	3	00	3	00	3	00	1	05		75		45	1	05	30	00
Roca.	14		42	1	40	5	60	4	90	4	20	2	80	2	80	2	80		98		70		42		98	28	00
South Omaha	100	3	00	10	00	40	00	35	00	30	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	7	00	5	00	3	00	7	00	200	00
Stella	62	1	86	6	20	24	80	21	70	18	60	12	40	12	40	12	40	4	34	3	10	1	86	4	34	124	00
Sutherland	29		87	2	90	11	60	10	15	8	70	5	80	5	80	5	80	2	03	1	45		87	2	03	58	00
Paxton	42	1	26	4	20	16	80	14	70	12	60	8	40	8	40	8	40	2	94	2	10	1	26	2	94	84	00
Stamford	73	3	19	21	36	29	20	25	55	21	90	14	60	14	60	14	60	5	11	3	65	2	19	5	11	161	06
Hendley	15		69	4	98	6	00	5	25	4	50	3	00	3	00	3	00	1	05		75		45	1	05	33	72
Orleans.	10		30	1	32	4	00	3	50	3	00	2	00	2	00	2	00		70		50		30		70	20	32
Sidney.	50	1	50	5	00	20	00	17	50	15	00	10	00	10	00	10	00	3	50	2	50	1	50	3	50	100	00
Tekamah, Emanuel. ..	25		75	2	50	10	00	8	75	7	50	5	00	5	00	5	00	1	75	1	25		75	1	75	50	00
Tekamah, Grace	23		69	2	30	9	20	8	05	6	90	4	60	4	60	4	60	1	61	1	15		69	1	61	46	00
West Point	202	6	06	20	20	80	80	70	70	60	60	40	40	40	40	40	40	14	14	10	10	6	06	14	14	404	00
Wayne	80	2	40	8	00	3	20	28	00	24	00	16	00	16	00	16	00	5	60	4	00	2	40	5	60	160	00
Wilber	39	1	17	3	90	15	60	13	65	11	70	7	80	7	80	7	80	2	73	1	95	1	17	2	73	78	00
Wolbach, Trinity	44	1	32	4	40	17	60	15	40	13	20	8	80	8	80	8	80	3	08	2	20	1	32	3	08	88	00
Wolbach, Ericson	17		51	1	70	6	80	5	95	5	10	3	40	3	40	3	40	1	19		85		51	1	19	34	00
Yutan	14		42	1	42	5	60	4	90	4	20	2	80	2	80	2	80		98		70		42		98	28	02
Waverly	26		78	2	60	10	40	9	10	7	80	5	20	5	20	5	20	1	82	1	30		78	1	82	52	00
York.	43	1	29	4	30	17	20	15	05	12	90	8	60	8	60	8	60	3	01	2	15	1	29	3	01	86	00
Totals	3394	106	29	417	17	1357	60	1187	90	1018	20	678	80	678	80	678	80	237	58	169	70	101	82	237	58	6870	24

M. D. BERG, A. W. AUGUSTINE, WILLIAM EBRIGHT, *Committee.*

Adopted.

Rev. Schmidt of German Nebraska Synod was introduced to Synod.

On motion, a vote of thanks was given to Joseph H. Miller, and the officers of Synod instructed to borrow the money to refund the cash advanced by Dr. Miller.

Moved and carried that General Synod, Synodical Treasury, Synodical Mission Fund, and Ministerial Education be designated as preferred objects and that these objects be paid in full.

On motion, Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., was excused from Synod at close of evening session.

Report of Examining Committee.

Mr. John Sorenson, a former student of Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary, appeared before us as a candidate for ordination. After an examination, we found Brother Sorensen familiar with all the branches of Theological Science required by our Church, and being convinced of his fitness for the sacred calling, hereby most heartily recommend him for ordination at the service on Sunday evening, October 15th, 1911.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
G. W. LIVERS,
J. A. KOSER,
R. A. WHITE,
J. A. LOWE.

Adopted.

A special order was made to hear the representatives of the Board of Education and Midland College after the opening of Synod on Saturday morning.

Motion was made that a map, showing locations of congregations be prepared for the minutes of Synod by Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D. Carried.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., was elected unanimously the Trustee for Nachusa Orphanage.

Rules were set aside and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for J. H. Humpe and Rev. Fuller Bergstresser for Trustees of Tabitha Home.

By unanimous consent, Rev. L. Groh, D. D., chosen as the fraternal delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

A special order was made for Saturday at 11 o'clock to receive invitations for the entertaining of Synod the coming year.

The following motion was adopted:

Resolved, That the special committees designated in our Constitution be also appointed at the close of each session of Synod for the following year, said committees to have their reports ready at the opening of Synod, and that the Secretary notify the chairman of each committee four weeks before each session of Synod, to have their reports ready for opening of Synod.

Adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

FRIDAY, 8 P. M.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Western Field Secretary of Home Missions, was heard in an address on "Home Missions."

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 9 A. M.

After a half-hour's devotional service by Rev. H. C. Bixler, Synod was opened with prayer.

Roll called and minutes read and approved.

Rev. Frederick L. Sigmund, D. D., of the Lutheran Publication Society; Rev. C. E. Hay, D. D., of the Deaconess Board; and Rev. J. E. Dietterich, of the Pastors' Fund Society, were introduced to Synod and invited to seats in the body.

Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., was then heard as the representative of the Board of Education and Midland College.

Rev. W. T. Kahse, Field Secretary of the College, also spoke.

Report of the Synod's Trustees of Midland College.

The year 1910-11, with the College and Seminary united under one management, has passed very smoothly and successfully. The Seminary instruction being provided for with one regular professor, Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D. D., assisted by the College President and three local brethren available at Atchison. At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, February 28th last, Rev. J. F. Krueger was elected as professor in the Seminary, especially for the German Work. He entered upon his duties at the recent opening of the Seminary in September. The wisdom of his election is manifested by the fact that four young men, wholly or part German, are in attendance at the Seminary this year. Last commencement two young men went forth, one to Illinois and one to Kansas, as preachers and pastors, and this fall three former and five new students have entered the Seminary to pursue their studies this year, an increase of three. We are glad to report also that there have been more than the usual number of students entering college and academy who signify their intention of entering the ministry.

In the college there have been several changes in the faculty. Professor Bruno Meineke, A. M., succeeded Dr. J. H. Stough in the chair of Greek and Latin. Professor Howard G. King, A. M., succeeded Professor George N. Mendenhall as principal of the academy, and Professor W. C. Heffner, Ph. D., was called to the chair of History and Economics. These men without exception are thus far proving valuable additions to the Midland faculty. Mrs. Lassie J. Lewis has also become matron at Oak Hall. She is a noble woman of refinement and grace of character.

The last year has been signalized by the building and dedication of the Carnegie Library and Griffith Memorial Hall. This fine addition to our cluster of buildings has been erected and furnished within the limits of the amounts given for it by those whose names it bears, $20,000.00. It is a splendid structure for the money, and is already being made a valuable and practical asset in the work of Midland College. Beside the Library and Assembly Hall, the building also houses on its first floor the college museum. New interest is taken in this as well as the Library, and new gifts are coming in for these departments. The dedication services of the new building were made a special feature of the last commencement season, an entire afternoon being given to this occasion. This building with its endowment fund represents an addition of $35,000.00 to the value of the college plant, which with the Seminary, may now be estimated in total valuation at $190,000.00.

Last year the total attendance of the institution was not as high as it had been for several years, there being less than 150 listed

for the year. There were six graduates from the College, seven from the Academy, four from the Music department and two from the Theological department. This fall the attendance shows an increase over the same period of last year and it is hoped that the year will prove better in showing of attendance. The greatest problem of the College is, how to secure an attendance worthy of our efforts. The help of the pastors is needed here as nowhere else. They can do much for the College in leading their young people toward their own institution. The College is fully recognized by the State Board of Education, and by all first-class institutions of Church and state. The faculties are able and doing up-to-date and harmonious work, and are worthy of the confidence of the Church. The institution has adequate provision for twice or three times the number of students present in every department. Shall we not unite our energies to accomplish this end?

The work of the Field Secretary, Rev. W. T. Kahse, has been very helpful in raising the fund for the improvements called for a year ago, there having come into the treasury over two thousand dollars in this fund. While there are many ways beside in which the work of the Secretary has already been felt for good, and many seeds have been planted in his sowing that will not fail of a rich harvest. His continuance in the work is greatly to be desired.

Your Trustees recommend:

1. That the Synod highly esteems the work accomplished at Midland College during the past year, and earnestly commends the interests of the school to the churches.

2. That Rev. W. T. Kahse be cordially received and encouraged by the churches in his work of seeking students and soliciting funds for Midland College.

3. That the effort being made to endow scholarships be encouraged; each scholarship consisting of $1,000.00 permanently invested, using the interest each year to aid a worthy student.

4. That the plan of those in charge of the College to hold a Silver Jubilee on the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding be endorsed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LOWE
M. O. PLOWMAN,
R. M. BADGER,
G. W. LIVERS,
W. H. HOGREFE.

Adopted.

By motion, the rules were set aside and the Secretary

cast the vote of Synod for Rev. J. A. Lowe, and J. H. Miller, M. D., as Trustees of Midland College for three years.

Report of the Committee on Benson.

We, your Committee on Difficulty Existing at Benson, would submit the following: We have heard statements from the former and present pastors relative to these troubles and we are impressed with the fact of a multitude of sins, of which some one or more must be guilty, imperiling the very existence of our interests there; but in the absence of evidence, we are unable to say where or upon whom the guilt rests. We therefore recommend that the adjustment of this matter be committed to the Executive Committee of Synod with full power to act, and that this shall receive their attention within a period of thirty days.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
C. B. HARMON,
L. L. LIPE.

Adopted.

At this time the invitation of North Platte to meet with them in convention on October 9th, 1912 was accepted.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education, read and considered *seriatim*.

Report of the Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Your committee would report the following:

Pursuant to the action of your Synod last year, the committee has given aid to four young men who have been pursuing work in Midland College and in its Theological department.

Martin Mortensen satisfactorily did the work of a Junior in the college. He received $125.00 during the year and asks for the same amount for the coming year.

Ralph Weissmiller graduated from the college regularly and enters upon the study of theology this fall. He received $125.00, and asks for the same amount the coming year.

John Hershey finished the work in the Junior year and enters upon the Senior year this fall. He received $125.00, and asks for the same amount.

Floyd Blessing is now pursuing the work of the second year in the Seminary. He asks for the same amount this year as last, $125.00.

The committee recommends that each of these four young men receive these amounts asked for.

A new application has been received. Earnest Mortensen, of Wolbach, comes well recommended by his pastor as a worthy young man. He has satisfied the committee of his worthiness for aid. He enters college doing some work in the Freshman year, though he is classified as a Senior in the academy. President Troxell endorses his application. The committee recommends that he be received on the funds of the Synod for the amount of $75.00.

To meet these appropriations aggregating $575.00, it will be necessary not only to maintain the apportionment at its present amount of 20 cents, but also for each pastor not to fail to see to it that his share of the apportionment reaches the hands of the Treasurer very early in the school year. We would call attention to the unnecessary carelessness in this matter in the past.

2. Two years ago the committee pressed the demands of Synod that those beneficiaries not having completed their course of preparation for the holy office return to the Synod the funds they have used. Some success was then attained in this direction. Your committee would report that Mr. John Poot has not yet refunded such moneys so used. We ask for instructions as to the whereabouts of this young man and what should be done in the matter.

3. Your committee has persistently sought to keep in closer touch with the young men under their charge. We desire to ascertain whether the churches' funds are bringing the results which should be secured. To this end the following questions have been prepared, to be answered by the beneficiaries and countersigned by the President of the College, and are in addition to the faculty report already made out:

What is your method of preparation for class and your plan of study?

Has your spare time been so used as to aid you in your chosen calling?

Have you encountered any special trials or difficulties in your general student life since the last report?

Have your tuition and college dues been paid up to date?

Have you any outstanding debts?

The following questions will serve to indicate the things necessary for healthy spiritual growth and proper development of Christian character:

Do you follow some regular method of Bible study?

Do you observe the daily quiet hour?

Are you a regular attendant at church services and at chapel?

What religious work are you doing?

Your committee recommend the adoption of this plan.

4. Your committee would report the following on the proposed new plan for administering the work of Ministerial Education:

The following reasons commend the plan: The lack of uniformity in the administration of the work; the fact that this is the work of the Church as a whole and not of any district Synod, since no Synod presumes to control the movements of its young men after they have entered upon their work; the inequality of apportionment from nothing as the lowest, found in two Synods, up to 20 cents the highest, as found in our Synod; the inequality of the amounts paid to students, ranging from $125.00 to $200.00; the limited number of candidates for the ministry calling for systematic and persistent effort in this field of endeavor; the new endowment fund for scholarships to be undertaken by the new board in case the plan is adopted; the wisdom of the plan seen in its adoption by other churches, and the need of a new emphasis upon the opportunity of the Christian ministry. Therefore, for the aforesaid reasons,

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Board of Education relative to a Board of Ministerial Education, adopted by General Synod at Washington, D. C., June 14, 1911, and referred and commended to the favorable action of the district Synods of the General Synod, be approved by the Nebraska Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. POWELL,
JOSEPH H. MILLER,
FULLER BERGSTRESSER.

Item 1. Motion was carried that this item be divided.

Motion made that the first four young men be taken on the funds of Synod. Carried.

Motion made and carried that a subscription be taken up on floor of Synod to assist the other young man. A goodly subscription was taken.

Motion carried that the money subscribed shall pass through the regular channels of the Beneficiary Committee.

The President appointed at this time the Committee on Doctrinal Basis, Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, Rev. L. Groh, D. D., and Rev. Oliver D. Baltzly.

The Committee on Pulpit Supply reported for the Sunday services.

Adjourned with prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1:30 P. M.

After the opening prayer, the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

On motion, the hour of 2:30 was set to hear Drs. Sigmund, Hay and Rev. Dietterich.

The report of the Beneficiary Committee was resumed.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Lost.

According to the special order, at this time, Rev. C. E. Hay, D. D., was heard on behalf of the Deaconess Board, Rev. F. L. Sigmund D. D., spoke in the interest of the Lutheran Publication Society, and Rev. J. E. Dietterich presented the cause of the Pastors' Fund.

At 3:30 recess was taken for the Preparatory Service, the Rev. C. B. Harman preaching the sermon from the Text, 1 Cor. xi. 28.

With the resuming of the business session, the Report of the Committee on Beneficiary Education was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

Letters of excuse were read from the venerable W. F. Eyster, D. D., J. F. Kuhlman, D. D., Rev. Prof. Samuel L. Aughey, Ph. D., LL. D., Rev. A. E. Dietz, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Prof. J. Howard Stough and Rev. H. Voegtly.

Your Committee on Excuses recommend that these brethren be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. HAMMOND,
M. R. BOLLINGER,
F. G. GRIFFITH.

Adopted.

The Report of Committee on Calendar was adopted. (See Calendar.)

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

The Forty-fifth Biennial Convention of the General Synod was held in Luther Place Memorial Church, Washington, D. C., June 7-14, 1911. Several features conspired to make it one of the best and most significant of all conventions of the Synod. The many attractions of the city, the hearty welcome by all the Lutheran churches, fourteen in number, the special reception by the women of Luther Place Memorial, the trip to Baltimore at the dedication of the Motherhouse by the favor of the Deaconess Board, the fine fraternal spirit and brotherly love that permeated all the sessions and deliberations of the convention, the high-water mark set in all the old lines of work and the new movements introduced made the convention epoch-making.

All the sessions were held in the audience room of the Luther Place church. The many side rooms furnished excellent accommodations for secretaries, reporters, committees on special work, and for the display of the Publication Society and the post-office accommodations. Music was furnished by the different Lutheran choirs of the city.

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President of Synod, Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, D. D., from the theme: "The Serving Christ." He presented the characteristics of the age in which we work and the spheres of our service as a Church, the sphere of intellectualism, of civic righteousness and of spiritual service.

The Synod organized by the election of the following officers for the ensuing two years: Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D. D., LL. D., New York City, President; Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D. D., Selinsgrove, Pa., Secretary, and Mr. George H. Knollenberg, Richmond, Ind., Treasurer.

The great branches of the work of the Synod are entrusted to the oversight of the different Church Boards. The following display will show the progress made during the biennium in each of these several departments: The Board of Foreign Missions reported as the receipts of the two years the sum of $111,260.00 on apportionment, an increase of $15,037.00 over the previous biennium and a total of $212,260.00. Eleven Synods were on the honor roll of which our own Synod is one. The Board oversees the work of 42 missionaries from the homeland and 728 native workers. In India there is work being done in 777 villages and in 526 of these there are congregations. The native church numbers 40,198 mem-

bers or an increase of 2,943. Most encouraging work was done in the African field, showing the wisdom and foresight of those who refused to surrender up this work to heathenism a few bienniums ago.

The Board of Home Missions reported a receipt of $115,287.00 on apportionment and a total of $170,308.00, or an increase of $53,746.00. During the two years 27 missions became self-supporting and 38 new fields were entered. 204 now receive aid. Work was begun in four new districts, each almost boundless in extent—North Dakota, Texas, Washington State, and Saskatchewan, Canada.

The Board of Church Extension reported a total income of $197,912.00. An encouraging feature of this work is seen in the number of missions having returned their loans; 41. Thirty-three were aided by loans and 296 by donations. While the Board does not press the repayment of loans, yet what a work could be done if the $300,000.00 now tied up in this way could be used by the Board for entering new fields. The assets of the Board are $752,918.00, or a growth of $98,041.00.

The Board of Education aided seven institutions of learning; the receipts not having been deemed sufficient to lend aid to the India college. $63,628.00 was received on apportionment, being 69 per cent, and a gain of $5,185.00 over the previous biennium. The total receipts for this cause were $93,360.00.

The Deaconess Board reports a total from all sources of $34,271.00, or 69 per cent of the apportionment. The new feature of the work of this Board was the completion of the fine new Motherhouse at Baltimore and the introduction of such new features into the work as the new equipment made possible.

Reports from the other charitable and educational organizations in the Church, the Orphanages, the Home for the Aged, the Pastors' Fund, the Publication Society, and Inner Mission Work, all indicated that these noble interests are intrusted to capable hands. They were such as to give the greatest encouragement for undertaking bigger things for the future.

Fraternal delegates from other bodies were most cordially received and heard with interest. Rev. J. A. Whitteker, D. D., represented the General Council; Rev. Daniel Burghalter, D. D., the Reformed Church in the United States, and Rev. C. A. Freed, D. D., came as the fraternal delegate from the United Synod of the South. To each of these the President of Synod made a happy response, and it should be added that, in view of the clear statement of the position of the General Council by Dr. Whitteker,

a like statement clearly enunciated was made in response. With all this the words were most brotherly.

Encouragement and support was given to the newer movements of our Church, the Laymen's Movement and the Brotherhood. Many of the delegates from the latter had come to Washington for their own convention which just preceded, and remained for the General Synod. The Brotherhood reported 250 organizations with approximately 12,000 members. A recommendation was passed calling for the co-ordination of these two movements in such a way as to bring them before the Church as one combined effort.

The Sunday School Committee reported 1,679 schools, with 27,536 officers and teachers and 260,497 scholars, an increase of 26,270 during the biennium. The great progress in plans and methods of doing Sunday school work was recognized as a call to larger effort along these lines. Some serious charges were brought against some of the new literature being published, though in the main the new literature was approved. The new Teacher-Training System was especially urged upon every pastor of Synod.

There has been an increase of $86,010.00 in the benevolences of the Church, as against an increase of $49,556.00 the previous biennium. The total contributions of the Church aggregated $5,607,-322.00. The value of all properties has increased $1,344,823, and the baptized membership 19,239.

The apportionment for the coming two years is laid at $1.36 per member instead of $1.31 before. The items increased are as follows: Pastors' Fund, .03, General Synod .01 and the Deaconess Board .01.

A resolution was presented and adopted looking to the unification of the different church papers into one official organ, such periodical to displace all others, or if such papers continue publication, to be published in addition to them, if such may be thought advisable.

The next meeting of the General Synod will be held in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Atchison, Kans., in 1913.

A rule was adopted by Synod requiring each District Synod to pay the expenses of its own delegates to General Synod; a sum not to exceed $2.00 per diem if delegate pays entire cost of entertainment; $1.00 if entertained on Harvard plan.

The new plan for conducting the work of Ministerial Education was adopted by General Synod, and is to come before this body for approval.

We also refer to the proposed alteration of General Synod Constitution, Article 2, Section 1, concerning the number of delegates to Synod and the amendment of the Constitution by inserting a

new article on Doctrinal Basis, another on Secondary Symbols and a substitute article concerning the admission of any Lutheran Synod to the General Synod. These changes will come before this body through other channels.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. POWELL,
C. J. RINGER,
H. A. WOLFE,
L. L. LIPE,
L. GROH,
E. A. VAN FLEET,
J. ALBRIGHT,
H. B. NOELTING,
JOSEPH H. MILLER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

Your committee respectfully present the following:

This branch of the Church's work calls for the most careful attention, and the wisest administration of its affairs.

The Sunday school work lies at the very foundation of efficient and successful evangelization. Because of its recognized importance, never in the history of the Church has this branch of her work received such painstaking attention on the part of aggressive Christian workers.

All along the line we learn of unusual activity and most successful results.

The Forward Movement, which embraces such means as Rally Day, Cradle Roll, Normal and Teacher-Training Classes, Home Department, House to House Visitation, Missions, Summer School for Sunday school workers is significant of the aroused interest and devotion to the more perfect study of the word.

We regret that the Sunday schools of this Synod were not more largely represented at the State convention.

A comparison of the reports of this year with those of last year, if not a cause for congratulation, may at least be interesting and instructive. We now have 44 schools, two less than last year, but an increase of 30 officers and teachers, and 141 scholars over last year.

There are now 21 Young People's Societies of the Synod, an increase of one over last year. Last year we had a decrease of one.

A State Luther League was organized at Fremont in July, with a goodly number of Societies present. This is a move in the right direction.

In the increase campaign of the Christian Endeavor Societies in this State, there has been an increase of 241. What is the reason our Church does not have more? The State Silver Jubilee Convention to be held at Lincoln, October 26-29, has upon its program some of the strongest men of nearly all the largest denominations. Our own Church will be represented by Hon. Peter Grosscup, Judge of the United States Circuit Court.

We recommend:

1. That our pastors urge their young people to attend this convention, and receive encouragement and inspiration for greater service.

2. That the Sunday schools and Young People's Societies of this Synod take greater advantage of their opportunities to forge their way to the front, and thus give our Church her rightful place among the religious and denominational forces that are making for the advancement of the kingdom.

3. That the Sunday school work be given a greater prominence at our Synodical conventions, in having the usual report supplemented by a short paper or address by a competent Sunday school worker.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. BIXLER,
G. W. SNYDER,
M. D. BERG,
J. L. HAMMOND.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Claims.

Your Committee on Claims has examined all presented bills and finding the justice of same, recommend that the Synod allow the following:

L. P. Ludden	$15 60
L. J. Powell	2 50
C. J. Ringer	2 00
Corey and McKenzie Printing Co.	5 00
J. E. Hummon	7 60
J. L. Hammond	4 20
Oscar Woods	70
M. L. Melick, Historian	7 80
R. M. Badger, Secretary	5 60
Joseph H. Miller, Treasurer, fee	5 00
Joseph H. Miller, stationery and stamps	16 50

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. MILLER,
J. H. ALBRECHT.

Adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Auditing Committee would report that we have examined the books of the Treasurer, comparing all receipts and vouchers with all entries in cash book and ledger, and find the accounts as shown by the following display:

DR.

Cash on hand	$68 57
Synodical Missions, overdrawn	47 07
Midland improvement, overdrawn	296 20
Synodical Treasurer, overdrawn	329 35
	$741 19

CR.

Ministerial Education	$68 56
Synodical Treasurer	47 07
Pastors' Fund	01
Bills payable	625 55
	$741 19

Voucher No. 117, for $25.49, October 3d, 1911, payable to Tabitha Home, has not been receipted, and was returned to the Treasurer.

Your committee would recommend:

1. A more improved plan of keeping the accounts, necessitating less work on the part of both Treasurer and Auditing Committee.

2. That all moneys for which the Synod expects credit on the Treasurer's books should pass through the hands of the Treasurer.

3. That attention be given to more careful business methods by the brethren of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. POWELL,
C. H. LEWIS,
R. B. WELLER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

Our Lutheran religion, thoroughly evangelical, is an absolutely personal conviction of divine truth with a corresponding spiritual experience: "I in you."

Its possession is accordingly invisible to others except as its principles are exhibited by outward deeds: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Thus purely individual in the acceptance of its obligation, its principles may be naturally and rationally expected, and should

be wisely recognized and patiently endured, for the common spiritual welfare: "Judge not that ye be not judged."

Otherwise: narrowness, bigotry and exclusiveness would be developed which would tend to breed discord, hinder brotherly love, and co-operative labor for the extension of our Lord's kingdom: "Love one another."

Our own Synod, we believe, indorses these views, and while there may exist in our own ranks differences of opinions on minor matters, both in doctrines and practices, the utmost harmony and good-will prevails amongst our pastors and churches. For this happy state of affairs we are devoutly thankful.

The few pastors who have submitted reports to your committee speak in the main most favorably of the work in their respective charges. Some of our churches have given up the mid-week prayer-meeting because of lack of attendance. Others speak of the slender attendance upon the public services and the difficulty in interesting catechumens in the study of the lessons.

But all tell of large attendance on Communion occasions, especially at Easter; parental faithfulness in presenting infants for baptism, and the increasing number of responses toward the benevolences of the Church at large.

Probably the largest proportion of our churches, in the history of the Synod, reported having met their full quota of apportionment this past year. This is most convincing evidence that our people are growing in the spirit of liberality and intelligent interest in the work committed to our great denomination. We are sure that our Synod, on the whole, is making commendable progress.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
L. L. LIPE,
L. J. SAYLOR.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

The following have asked to leave before close of Synod, and we recommend that they be excused: Messrs. Crannel, of Tekamah, and Wilson, of York, and Rev. C. H. Lewis.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. MELICK,
W. W. SENG,
J. PETRING.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Vacant Churches.

It is cause for very great regret that our churches are not all supplied with pastors. Stella and South Auburn have been vacant for some time, and in vain have sought for men to take up the work. Ponca, a splendid people, recently lost their pastor in the resignation of Rev. A. E. Dietz. Sidney is still without a leader. Tekamah is in charge of Rev. S. W. Young, who promises to remain with this work until a new man can be secured. Hubbard and South Sioux were served by Rev. George Trostle for six months during the year, but are now shepherdless. Waverly and Yutan are still cared for by Rev. Fleck, of Lincoln, as a supply, and Pawnee remains as last year. This condition but emphasizes the need of a Synodical Superintendent, whose duty it will be to make a business of supplying these vacancies with pastors.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HUMMON,
OSCAR WOODS.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, We have been in convention assembled for the past several days hearing the reports of the work of the Synod and attending to the business of the Master's cause in our Church, be it

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure and profit the reports from Midland College given by our members of the Board of Trustees, Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., and Rev. W. T. Kahse; and we pledge our loyalty to the work of that most important institution, and trust the desire that double the number of students be realized.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure and interest the reports from the various Boards of our Church, and assure them of our continued confidence.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the good work being done under the direction of the Deaconess Board, and that all the churches in our territory be urged to make a voluntary offering for this Board on or near the time of Deaconess Day in May.

Resolved, That we are pleased in the steps taken to unite the Young People's Societies of our Lutheran churches in the State into a society known as the Luther League of Nebraska. We recommend that the pastors use their influence to create an interest in the State organization.

Resolved, That we continue our position in regard to the important question of temperance and use our influence to drive the business of the use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage from the land,

and that we appoint Rev. F. Bergstresser and Rev. L. J. Powell to represent our Synod on the allied Christian forces of the State.

Resolved, That the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society be given the privilege of printing their Minutes with the Synodical Minutes, and that one thousand copies of the Minutes be printed, a sufficient number of which shall be placed at the disposal of the Synodical Missionary Society.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Synod be extended to the pastors and Lutheran people of Greater Omaha for their generous hospitality, and untiring efforts in making our stay in their midst pleasant, to the choir of Kountze Memorial Church, and their competent leader, for the excellent and appropriate music, to the brethren for the timely instruction and inspiration, to the daily press of the city, and that the President of Synod give public expression of the same at the close of the Sunday services.

Respectfully submitted, G. W. LIVERS.

Adopted.

On motion, the proper number of pink envelopes were authorized to be provided.

A motion was carried that the President correspond with the individuals that were to write the histories of Midland College, the Western Theological Seminary, the Young Peoples' Societies, and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and if unable to secure them, to appoint others.

Mrs. R. M. Badger brought the greetings and message from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned until 7 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY, 7 O'CLOCK.

At 7 o'clock Synod was called to order with prayer.

Motion that the sexton be allowed $5 for services.

On motion, a recess was taken until after the ordination service on Sunday evening.

Adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE

SATURDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., President of Midland College, Atchison, Kansas, gave the address of the evening on "The Calling of the College."

SUNDAY SERVICES.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 11 A. M.

The Communion sermon was delivered by Rev. L. L. Lipe from the text, Galatians iii. 13, after which the Holy Communion was served to all members of Synod and visitors present.

SUNDAY, 8 P. M.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Lowe, after which John Sorenson was ordained to the Holy Ministry.

The President then declared the session of Synod adjourned to meet at North Platte, October 9th, 1912.

Prayer was then offered.

ROY MAREEN BADGER,
Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.

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21	Snyder, G. W.	Omaha	St. Matthew's	1	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	20	20	26	.....	.....	.....	.....
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1	1	11	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$6 10	$15 95	$15 90	$16 00	$11 00	$11 00	$11 00	.....	$4 85	.....	$4 95	$2 75	.....	$66 50	$160 00	$160 00
2	1	20	165	$114 00	$46 50	2	30	$38 44	$8 18	3 48	50 46	60 90	52 20	34 80	34 80	34 80	$58 95	12 18	$8 70	15 66	8 70	$6 84	17 40	300 85	2301 34
3	1	8	63	27 40	27 35	1	..	.....	.....	46	6 67	8 95	6 90	4 60	4 60	4 60	.....	1 61	1 15	2 07	1 31	29 17	14 00	86 09	371 94
4	1	15	118	34 70	29 43	..	..	.....	.....	1 32	19 14	23 10	11 00	13 20	13 20	13 20	.....	4 01	3 30	2 00	1 50	5 80	2 00	112 77	1152 94
5	1	12	160	90 00	7 00	1	15	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	1	15	116	89 50	28 75	..	..	.....	.....	1 30	5 00	18 75	10 00	8 00	2 50	5 00	12 21	2 00	3 25	2 85	2 25	50 00	33 00	156 11	954 11
7	1	18	125	80 00	10 00	1	44	12 50	10 00	1 64	32 10	33 70	38 42	26 40	21 40	16 40	35 00	6 38	5 00	7 38	5 00	16 73	10 00	205 64	1100 64
8	1	9	50	79 49	20 32	..	..	.....	.....	40	17 29	7 04	6 00	4 75	7 90	4 00	58 61	1 40	1 00	1 80	1 00	6 60	4 00	111 79	386 12
9	1	8	71	33 29	2 80	..	..	.....	.....	1 66	24 07	29 05	36 73	16 60	16 00	16 00	.....	5 81	4 15	7 47	4 15	96 49	32 13	291 51	1484 95
10	1	16	125	125 00	35 00	1	15	40 00	10 00	3 20	46 40	31 65	20 00	16 14	32 00	32 00	.....	11 20	8 00	14 40	8 00	4 80	106 00	383 79	2746 79
11	1	27	176	127 25	35 00	1	64	21 91	15 00	1 62	24 80	30 35	28 35	18 20	16 20	16 20	25 00	7 00	4 00	7 20	4 00	114 70	18 10	316 46	1880 41
12	1	9	92	21 60	.....	..	..	.....	.....	47	8 00	12 35	13 55	6 25	4 20	4 20	.....	1 75	1 05	2 00	1 00	17 22	2 10	74 26	489 18
13	1	5	30	25 00	4 00	..	..	.....	.....	62	9 00	10 85	9 60	6 20	6 20	6 20	.....	2 17	1 55	2 79	1 55	98	5 20	62 56	500 16
14	1	35	275	460 00	117 00	1	40	30 00	40 00	3 30	47 27	57 25	48 90	32 60	32 60	32 60	99 47	11 00	8 15	14 70	8 15	5 00	98 30	405 70	3424 70
15	1	14	80	66 16	13 95	..	..	.....	.....	90	13 05	16 50	13 50	9 00	9 00	9 00	.....	3 15	4 00	4 05	2 25	6 60	39 50	130 00	1096 75
16	1	15	225	111 20	110 16	1	25	8 00	.....	3 50	49 50	64 50	57 25	34 00	34 00	34 00	67 00	12 00	8 50	15 00	8 00	16 50	20 00	427 75	2020 25
17	1	16	105	65 24	15 00	..	18	60 00	.....	95	26 10	31 50	52 10	18 00	18 00	18 00	52 75	6 30	.....	.....	2 18	5 95	.....	241 81	1296 81
18	1	29	300	360 40	201 03	1	51	278 80	29 00	9 70	140 65	169 75	145 50	97 00	97 00	97 20	106 25	33 95	24 25	43 65	24 25	41 20	468 00	1588 83	7906 79
19	1	26	224	165 00	30 00	1	30	30 00	38 00	2 00	37 70	45 00	66 00	26 00	26 00	26 00	.....	9 10	6 50	11 70	6 50	20 00	308 00	591 60	2141 60
20	1	16	135	128 23	52 80	1	64	134 50	2 50	2 42	27 35	42 20	27 65	20 75	10 07	5 00	.....	5 00	6 05	.....	.....	3 65	80 00	230 10	1606 10
21	1	9	75	.....	.....	..	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	1	7	45	50 65	8 64	..	..	.....	.....	58	8 42	10 15	8 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 64	2 90	30 39	205 04
23	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	76	5 00	8 30	5 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 98	3 80	40 80	165 80
24	1	13	100	.....	24 00	..	..	.....	5 00	1 60	23 20	28 00	24 00	16 00	.....	16 00	34 95	.....	2 00	.....	.....	97 10	2 00	244 85	1495 49

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	Vacant	Pawnee	First	1														20	39	56	$2500 00			
			Zion	1														7	16	21	2000 00			
	Sorenson, John	Potter	First Lutheran.	1				6				5		6	2			40	68	75	3300 00	$300 00	$616 36	$179 38
	Blessing, F. E.(Supply).	Rising City	First	1					1	1								52	68	87	6000 00		700 00	800 00
		Surprise	Zion	1					1	1								15	32	38	2500 00		200 00	50 00
	Vacant	Roca	Zion	1														14	25	35	2000 00			
	Yerian, S. H.	South Omaha	St. Luke's	1		1		32			22	19	8	19	4	21		100	190	275	12000 00	5600 00	750 00	4300 00
	Vacant	Stella	Trinity	1	1				1	2		2						62	87	118	5000 00		291 84	
	Bollinger, M. E.	Sutherland	Grace	1	1			6		1				5				29	50	65	2800 00	620 00	275 00	
		Paxton	Holy Trinity.	1				8			15	1		7				42	65	101	2775 00	175 00	457 00	
	Klatt, Gustav	Stamford	Trinity	1	1			10	1			2		10				73	124	210	3000 00		350 00	40 00
		Hendley	Christ		1			3						3				15	30	50			10 00	
		Orleans	St. Paul's.		1													10	27	48			80 00	
	Vacant	Sidney	Trinity	1														50	92	154	5500 00			
	Vacant	Sioux	Grace	1														18	39	59	2100 00			
		Hubbard	Trinity	1														24	40	50	2000 00			
	Young, S. W.	Tekamah	Immanuel.	1					2			2						25	30	39	3500 00		315 00	125 00
			Grace	1				7					3	7	2			23	25	30	2500 00		150 00	
	Powell, L. J.	West Point	Grace	1		2		15	1	6	6	11		11	11	3		202	252	387	8500 00		1275 00	
	Ringer, C. J.	Wayne	St. Paul's.	1				24	3		8	6	5	16	2	4		80	124	160	8000 00		713 00	
	Lowe, J. A.	Wilbur	First Ev. Luth.	1	1	1				5								39	45	55	3500 00		451 00	
	Voegtly, Henry	Walbach	Trinity	1	1		1	31				16	1	15				44	75	87	4000 00		413 95	
		Ericson	First Lutheran.	1				6		1		1		2				17	26	29	1200 00		133 50	

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1	1	4	36	$18 70	$45 00					$0 14	$2 82	$6 48	$1 40	$1 40	$1 40	$1 40		$0 49	$0 35	$0 63	$0 35	$0 21	$0 70	$6 13	$13 68
2	1	8	36	60 00	10 00					1 00	14 00	12 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		2 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 30	4 00	78 00	5 73 74
3	1	16	82	60 00		1	34	$35 00		1 00	15 00	24 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	47 00	17 47 30
4	1	7	112	10 00		1	17	10 00		1 00	14 00	12 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	38 00	3 33 83
5	1	16	140	170 00	42 00	1	31	25 00	$2 35	1 00	14 00	24 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	47 00	12 39 50
6	1	14	63	32 00	10 00					1 00	14 00	21 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	41 00	9 88 50
7	1	5	35	12 00						1 00	7 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	28 00	4 66 88
8	1	6	43	12 00						1 00	14 00	21 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	41 00	8 81 83
9	1	7	97	35 00	8 72		1 97			1 00	14 00	21 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	41 00	8 47 83
10	1	16	113			1	30			1 00	14 00	21 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	41 00	8 49 83
11	1	11	56	43 00	18 00		1 12			1 00	14 00	21 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	41 00	8 49 83
12	1	4	36	18 00	10 00					1 00	14 00	21 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	41 00	8 49 83
13	1	12	40	30 00	10 00			1 50	1 35	1 00	14 00	21 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	41 00	8 49 83
14	1	29	256	124 00	42 00	2	83	50 00	30 00	3 00	42 00	63 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	9 00		9 00	3 00	9 00	3 00	6 00	3 00	123 00	25 47 00
15	1	8	80	50 00	18 00	1	12			1 00	14 00	21 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	41 00	8 49 83
16	1	8	56	55 00	18 00					1 00	14 00	21 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	41 00	8 49 83
17	1	8	81	60 00	18 00		1 15	1 50	1 35	1 00	14 00	21 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	41 00	8 49 83
18	1	8	116	27 00	10 00					1 00	14 00	21 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	41 00	8 49 83

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1	Fleck, E. L.	Waverly	Trinity	1	..	..	..	10	1	..	2	9	1	2	..	..	26	26	26	$2900 00	.....	$419 45	$60 00	
2	Fleck, E. L.	Yutan	Zion	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	14	14	2600 00	.....	165 80	.....	
3	White, R. A.	York	First	1	..	1	..	10	..	2	12	4	..	8	1	7	43	57	72	8000 00	$1500 00	222 47	515 39	
4	Heiner, Henry	Havelock	Salem	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
5	Ludden, L. P., D. D.	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
6	Kuhns, M. L.	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
7	Fraser, S. W.	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
8	Gettle, W. G.	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
9	Groenmiller, J. G., D. D.	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
10	Eyster, W. F., D. D.	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
11	Ludwig, A. J.	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
12	Troxell, M. F., D. D.	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
13	Lewis, C. H.	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
14	Aughey, S., D. D.	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
15	Augustine, I. N.	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
83	Totals for 1911.	.....	.....	48	13	31	4	455	40	83	286	228	62	290	73	87	3392	5165	6791	421150 00	22395 00	34573 38	$8708 80	
84	Totals for 1910.	.....	.....	48	13	29	5	302	39	112	197	210	97	202	78	121	3359	4709	6371	404343 00	30448 87	33405 59	14299 75	
85	Increase	.....	.....	..	..	2	..	153	1	..	99	18	..	88	..	..	..	454	420	$16707 00	$1946 13	$1167 79	.....	
86	Decrease	.....	.....	..	..	..	1	..	..	29	..	..	35	..	5	34	6	..	..	.....	.....	.....	$5590 95	

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1	13	45	$36 00	.....	..	....	.....	.....	$0 52	$8 35	$9 10	$7 80	$5 20	$5 20	$5 20	.....	$1 82	$1 30	$2 34	$1 30	$100 78	$2 60	$151 51	$630 96
1	4	23	30 00	$37 30	..	....	.....	.....	28	4 04	4 90	4 20	2 80	2 80	2 80	$32 90	98	70	1 26	70	10 42	1 40	70 20	236 00
1	8	70	21 87	.....	1	10	$34 00	.....	80	11 60	14 00	12 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	.....	2 80	2 00	3 60	2 00	8 20	42 50	123 50	861 36
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46	540	4200	3384 81	1004 17	20	626	692 15	98 02	60 90	319 47	1072 72	988 65	581 87	529 34	394 15	694 13	191 97	149 75	240 26	125 75	286 89	1051 23	6727 29	54432 65
..	30	141	.....	$106 72	1	63	$207 50	$94 36	$7 80	677 05	$13 43	.....	$37 03	$37 13	194 45	$30 98	$8 39	.....	.....	$3 58	$519 74	1094 41	$2908 72	.....
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OF THE

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OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

NEBRASKA.

The Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska opened Tuesday afternoon, October 10th, 1911, in Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, Rev. Oliver D. Baltzly, Ph. D., pastor.

Praise Service by Mrs. George W. Snyder, Omaha.

Call of Convention by the President, Mrs. Roy Mareen Badger, Beatrice.

Solo, "The Good Shepherd," Miss Amanda Tebbens, Omaha.

Credentials received and roll formed.

As delegates were introduced they responded on the "Giving of Ourselves."

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President—Mrs. Roy Mareen Badger, Beatrice.
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Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender, Yutan.
Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Beatrice.
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Delegates.

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Dakota—Emmanuel—Mrs. David M. Neiswanger.
Homer—Mrs. J. L. Hammond.
Lincoln—Mrs. Fuller Bergstresser and Miss Alice Humpe.
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Omaha—Kountze Memorial—Mrs. Oliver D. Baltzly and Mrs. Walter Springer.
Omaha—St. Matthew's—Mrs. George W. Snyder.
Rising City—Mrs. L. J. Saylor.
Roca—Miss Matie Martin.
Tekamah—Mrs. M. D. Willert.
Nebraska City—Mrs. J. A. Koser and Mrs. Noelting.
West Point—Mrs. J. J. King.
Wilber—Mrs J. A. Lowe.
Yutan—Mrs. Isabelle Steele, Mrs. O. J. Peters.

German.

Hooper—Mrs. August Hecker and Mrs. Whilhelmy.

Young People's Societies.

Omaha — Kountze Memorial — "Pax Vobiscum," Miss Henrietta Schnetz.
Omaha—St. Matthew's—Mrs. Sylvia S. Stough and Miss Gertrude Worrel.
Nebraska City—Miss Mary Johnson.

Mission Bands.

Omaha—Kountze Memorial—Miss Lucile Mohrman.
South Omaha—St. Luke—Mrs. S. H. Yerian.

Life Members.

Beatrice—Mrs. Mostert.
Dakota—Emmanuel—Mrs. David M. Neiswanger.
Omaha—Kountze Memorial—Mrs. Oleva Kuehn, Mrs. Olivia Pelle, Mrs. J. E. Hummon and Master Edward Hummon.
Omaha—St. Matthew's—Mrs. George W. Snyder.
Yutan—Miss Lydia Bender.

Visitors' Roll.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday, returned missionary from India; Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Atchison, Kans.; Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Lincoln, Neb.; Rev. R. M. Badger, Beatrice; Rev. L. J. Powell, West Point; Rev. L. Groh, D. D., Omaha; Rev. J. A. Koser, Nebraska City; Rev. Charles Lewis, Lincoln; Mr. L. J. Saylor, Rising City; Rev. George W. Snyder, Omaha; Rev. Oliver D. Baltzly, Ph. D., Omaha; Rev. S. H. Yerian, South Omaha; Rev. and Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Gayno, Rising City; Mr. and Mrs. Crannel, Tekamah; Mrs. J. E. Hummon and Edward Hummon, Omaha; Rev. and Mrs. Gustav Klatt, Stamford; Mesdames Olivia Pelle and F. W. Carmichael, Al Dresher, Robert Young, Emmons Goodman, William Tegtmeyer, Lina Smith, August F. Specht, Joe Redman and Rev. J. E. Hummon, Omaha; Misses Edith Tegtmeyer, Marjory S. Stough, Amanda Tebbens, Helen Peterson and Elsasser; Mesdames Mattishaw, Wogenson, Theo. Blunks, Daly, Mortenson, Weiss, Lundburg, Martin, John Blunks, Resche, Grochiet and Mevious, South Omaha.

Reporters Appointed.

Lutheran Observer—Mrs. Walter Springer.
Lutheran Woman's Work—Mrs. Fred. Fredrickson.
Lutheran World—Mrs. L. J. Saylor.

After the Quiet Hour, the theme of which was "Watchfulness," conducted by Mrs. L. P. Ludden, convention adjourned.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Voluntary.

Vesper service, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Oliver D. Baltzly, Ph. D.

Words of greeting were spoken by Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, to which Mrs. J. J. King, of West Point, responded.

Hymn, "Sweet the Time."

Prayer, Miss Matie Martin, Roca.

President's Address.

I greet with pleasure you the members and friends of this Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska Synod.

For another year we have labored together with God, and we can gladly say it has been a fruitful year in every way.

Let us thank our Father that He has given us this blessed privilege of being co-workers with Him, without whom we can do nothing.

We feel that His commendation has rested upon us this past year, and that many material advances have been made. As the Christian is coming to more fully realize that the divine commission is one to be seriously and faithfully performed, the future bespeaks many more workers and much more efficient service.

The world is growing better every day. Far out into the future we can see the development of mankind at the hand of the servants of God. Heathendom is being arraigned before the judgment bar of God. The eyes of the souls are being awakened, and the sunshine of God's love is purifying and sweetening the consciences of sinners.

Christ came into this world with a purpose. That purpose was that He might "bear witness of the Truth". He has set the example for all mankind and has given them a purpose which they also must fulfil. Every day of our lives we are called upon to answer to a charge relative to the way we are going, the life we are living, and the aim of our living. It is only as we are, that it will develop what we will be, and what we will do.

Our purpose, therefore, as witnesses for the Truth must become an intimate part of ourselves, in order to bear the fruitage which it should. Christ's purpose is our purpose, and we are laborers together with Him, which fact should give us confidence that our work is good, and should help us to go boldly forward in it.

There is nothing that will give us such boldness in the upholding of Christ's banner as the conscious realization that God is ready to stand by us, to strengthen and uphold us in the accomplishment of our mission.

"And ye shall receive power," Christ says, "After that the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and ye shall be my witnesses."

Our campaign as missionaries is a world-wide one. Any small conception of our mission is a lessening of honor to the name of Christianity. Without a good substantial knowledge of missionary efforts, methods and purposes, our testimony will be ineffective; our ability to honor our position as Christians will be weakened. Henry Van Dyke tells us, "That every faculty and every gift we possess must be honestly and entirely consecrated to the service of man in Christ's name and for His sake.

"To think that I am trusted to invest
God's ownership in me!
And then to think that one day He'll request
His own with usury!

"Awake, my soul and all thy ransomed powers!
The Judge will surely ask
Good stewardship for all these flying hours,
And my completed task."

Missions is the most glorious and most important of enterprises. It is stated to be one of the broadest and deepest of sciences. It is of the most vital importance that mission topics and problems be discussed. We cannot talk too much about it. If we can arouse heart interest and awaken the conscience through a serious study of missions, the results will take care of themselves, and money and men will come forth in abundance. But the Church as an individual organization must be awakened far beyond what it now is. We must have missions preached, taught, studied, argued. It must be the never-forgotten theme of the Church service, the Sunday school, the Young People's Society, the Junior Band, the Aid, and the Brotherhood.

Missions is active service of the Christian for Christ; the Christian witnessing to the Truth. The Church in all her separate activity must live missions to be at her best. If we could eliminate the name missions, and coin another word with the very same meaning, defining it in all the strenuousness of the personal com-

mand of Christ, "Go ye," missions would become more popular. Somehow there seems to be a feeling of self-sacrifice attached to the wrong end of missionary activity, and the one who holds the purse strings loses sight of the encouragement to be obtained from a "trust in God", in the vision of the "one cent" being the appropriate motto to relieve all responsibility on his part.

Truth calls for faith, and the support of intelligence and loyalty. Are we witnesses of the Truth?

Our substitutes in the home and on the foreign fields have faith in us. They believe that we are praying God to prosper their lives and works. They believe we are in earnest in sending them to give forth the words of life, and they are living strenuously for us.

We are gathered this week to gain a better knowledge of the methods and aims of our missionary work; that we may carry home to others an incentive to greater activity and zeal, and that we may enlist more principles, and thus send more substitutes to subdue the heathen worship of our own country and of non-Christian lands.

Then let us sum up into active working thoughts the evening's discourse:

Honest and earnest effort is most surely rewarded. It is to you who are most earnest that we must look for the growth in our missionary society.

Your hearts are full of the work. Give expression to it in your conversation. Talk about the workers as the mutual friends of every church woman. Give forth some of the missionary intelligence with which your mental storehouse is overflowing when you are visiting with your friends, and arouse in them the conviction that there is something in the Church work that they need and want to get in touch with.

Then, don't let them forget the monthly meeting day. In this age, where the telephone is in nearly every home, especially in the West, it is easy to "call up" those whom you are trying to interest, and ask them to be ready when you shall stop for them on your way to the Missionary Society.

There is an inspiration in numbers. A friend seeing another pass by, joined her. The two stopped in the home of a third lady who joined them. The three passing the home of a convalescent, were seen from the window, and the desire to "go too" was so great that special effort was made to take the weaker sister along, and they numbered four instead of one, all of whom "wanted to go so badly".

Short and interesting programs will create a desire for more

rather than tire one, and the art of discussing in an easy, familiar way the thoughts culled from the magazine is worth cultivating. It will strengthen missionary zeal and incite interest in missionary literature.

An anniversary, or annual meeting, at which time an invitation is given for new members—active and honorary—will add many to the list. Perhaps the conditions of membership might include a fifty-cent fee, in consideration for which their names should be placed upon the subscription roll for *Lutheran Woman's Work*.

But no public meeting can be successfully conducted without time and effort being expended upon it.

The Young People's Societies, Helpers' Circle and Home Departments should be constantly watched for available active members.

Do not let your young people graduate from missions. Draw them either into the Woman's Society or the Home Department. Keep a keen supervision over the junior members to promote them when the proper time comes.

The best and most economical birthday present you can give a relative or friend is *Lutheran Woman's Work*.

It will reach them as a sweet reminder of your love twelve times each year and will inspire in them the highest and best motives for living. The Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor are starting an efficiency campaign. We would sum up their principles as "Every Department at work all the time for Christ and the Church". Could we not profit by what this suggests? An examination of the reports for the past year shows an increase in active workers in all departments of our Nebraska Society of over ninety members; with new Societies in St. Matthew's church, Omaha, Woman's and Young People's; North Platte, Young People's; Kountze Memorial, Helpers' Circle and Mission Band; South Omaha, Woman's Society and Mission Band.

Homer and Tekamah have not reported this year. There are many fields to possess. The harvest is ripe for new reapers to enter. "Go in, and possess the land."

And now, in closing, your retiring President desires to thank you all for your most faithful co-operation during the past three years. It has been a pleasure to serve you, with God's help, although other duties were urgently calling.

May His love ever be uppermost in your hearts, and His service be rendered with willing hands, until all shall have heard the message of Salvation.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. R. M. BADGER.

Music by the choir.

A letter from Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer, was read.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday, returned missionary from India, spoke of the work of the women, dwelling on the medical zenana and educational work.

Offering, $7.46.

Hymn, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise."

Benediction, by Rev. J. E. Hummon, President of Synod.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Praise service by Mrs. Fred. Thompson, North Platte.

Roll. Minutes read and approved.

Motion passed that visitors be made advisory members of convention.

Reporters to Local Papers.

Omaha News—Mrs. David M. Neiswanger.

World Herald—Miss Maude C. Martin.

Announcement of Committees.

President's Address—Mesdames Bergstresser and Snyder.

Report of Executive Committee—Mesdames L. J. Saylor, O. J. Peters and Walter Springer.

Report of Corresponding Secretary—Miss Matie Martin and Mrs. J. A. Koser.

Auditing—Miss Alice Humpe and Mrs. L. J. Saylor.

Reports of Chairman of Literature Committee and Box-work—Mrs. Fred. Frederickson, Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Thank-offering and Magazine—Mesdames Baltzly and Neiswanger.

Reports of Secretaries of Home Department, Young People's Mission Bands and Conference Superintendents—Mesdames Stough, Peters and Thompson.

Letters and Papers—Miss Bender, Mrs. Noelting.

Claims—Mrs. Steele, Miss Humpe.

Printed Minutes—Mesdames F. Frederickson and O. J. Peters.

Delegates' Report of General Convention—Mesdames W. Springer and S. H. Yerian.

Resolutions — Mesdames Bergstresser, Neiswanger and Lowe.

Reports of Executive Committee and Corresponding Secretary accepted and placed in hands of committees.

Report of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has held two meetings since last convention.

The first was at the home of the President, September 24th, 1910. Mesdames Badger and Mostert and Misses Marie Martin, Elizabeth S. Haase, Lydia A. Bender and Maude C. Martin present.

Miss Haase secured the bond, and it is now in the hands of the Secretary.

Motion passed, that Mrs. Badger correspond further with Mrs. Shaffer concerning the incorporation of the Synodical Society.

Motion passed, that Miss Bender present the greetings of the Society to Synod.

Place of convention, Omaha.

There not being enough money in the Synodical Fund for bills allowed by convention, on motion, Miss Bender was instructed to send cards to the Auxiliaries urging them to make up the deficit.

The second meeting was at Yutan, June 20th, 1911. All officers were present. Reports given.

Motion passed, that the President proceed with the incorporation of the Synodical Society, and that five (5) directors be elected.

Mesdames Badger, Mostert, Ludden, Snyder and Kuehn were elected, and Miss Matie Martin, President.

It was suggested by the President that officers prepare charts and maps of their work for exhibition at convention.

Decided that the Secretary send an invitation to the German Synodical Society, inviting delegates to the privileges of convention.

The following recommendations of the General Executive Committee are presented for consideration and action:

1. That minimum dues of all Woman's Societies be 10 cents a month.

2. That the Executive Committee be authorized to plan the regular work of the biennium on the basis of $125,000.00.

3. That the Day of Prayer be the first Sunday in Advent.

4. That greater effort be made to realize our watchword, "A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every congregation of the General Synod," and our goal for 20,000 subscriptions to *Lutheran Woman's Work;* that we loyally support *Lutheran Church Work,* and that we strive to place *Lutheran Boys and Girls* within reach of every child in the General Synod.

5. That in our successes and failures we recognize God's wonderful loving kindness, and that we show our gratitude by closer fellowship with Him and more earnest endeavor to extend His kingdom.

The goal for our Synodical Society was 225 subscriptions for *Lutheran Woman's Work* before convention.

Decided that a Committee on Claims be appointed by the President.

It was decided that Mrs. Neiswanger (*nee* Miss Haase) see if a missionary could be secured for convention.

Motion passed that Mrs. Ludden have charge of the "Quiet Hour" throughout the convention.

Text for convention, John xviii. 37: "That I should bear witness of the truth." Watchword, "Faithfulness." Program was then arranged.

Respectfully submitted, MAUDE C. MARTIN.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

In making out my tabulated report I can only give you what has been reported to me quarterly, and not what is told me after coming to convention. Of sixteen Woman's Societies only eight reported every quarter. Some only one quarter. The totals show quite an increase in membership over last year. But when we count out those who have disbanded or withdrawn from our work we have not so great an increase. Homer, Tekamah and Stamford have withdrawn.

During the year a Woman's Society has been formed at Nebraska City. Three Young People's Societies at North Platte, St. Matthew's, Omaha, and Kountze Memorial, Omaha. A Mission Band at South Omaha. Just recently a Band has been formed at Bruning; Mrs. W. H. Strohecker, Superintendent.

The actual membership reported the last quarter is as follows: Active, 464; Honorary, 46; Cradle Roll, 48; Home Department, 47. Three new Life Members are reported: Lydia A. Bender, Yutan; Mrs. Andrew T. Yost, North Platte; Mrs. Hoover, Davenport; making our total Life Membership number 22, counting those who are active and those who are not in actual work at this time.

Respectfully submitted, Miss LYDIA A. BENDER.

Received and referred to committee.

Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Quarters Reported.	Name of Corresponding Secretaries and Address.	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Home Department.	Total, not Including Home Dep't.	Average Attendance.	Time of Meetings.	No. Meetings.	Lutheran Woman's Work.	Lutheran Boys and Girls.	No. of Boxes.	Value of Boxes.
Beatrice	1892	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. H. W. Munson, 816 N. 8th St.	16	...	48	2	24	64	8	2d Friday	12	15	12	...	...
Benson	1907	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. Ed. Wolf	20	...	...	...	...	20	16	2d Wednesday	12	...	...	...	...
Dakota City	1891	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. Ada Sherman	16	...	3	...	1	18	4	1st Thursday	9	9	18	...	...
Davenport	1907	1, 2, 3, 4	Miss Sarah J. Grossman	15	1	3	...	12	16	5	1st Sunday	12	18	...	...	...
Lincoln	1890	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. L. P. Ludden, 1336 D St.	18	3	...	...	...	21	8	1st Wednesday	10	14	...	...	...
North Platte	1904	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. F. Fredrickson, 315 W. 3d St.	27	2	...	1	10	39	6	Last Friday	12	54	50	...	...
Nebraska City	1911	3, 4	Mrs. F. Fullede	7	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1886	1, 2, 4	Mrs. M. O. Plowman, 5112 Cass St.	33	3	...	4	...	36	15	1st Tuesday	...	9	1	...	...
Omaha, St. Matthew's	1910	2, 3, 4	Mrs. Theo. Jensen, 3110 S. 19th St.	16	1	...	1	...	17	12	4th Thursday	12	...	...	...	...
Ponca	1880	1, 2, 4	Mrs. W. W. Mikesell	25	1	...	...	...	26	9	1st Friday	...	9	14	...	...
Roca	1892	1, 2, 4	Mrs. Henry Wissel	6	1	...	...	...	7	...	2d Sunday	...	...	3	...	...
Rising City	1904	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. D. Loofenlager	19	2	...	...	...	21	8	1st Wednesday	12	17	30	...	...
West Point	1904	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. Ella J. DeBell	13	1	...	...	...	14	7	1st Wednesday	11	12	...	...	...
Wilber	1909	2, 4	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek	5	...	...	...	...	5	3	3d Thursday	9	...	...	...	...
York	1906	2, 3	Miss Esther Hansen	6	1	...	...	...	7	...	4th Thursday	...	3	...	...	...
Yutan	1883	4	Mrs. O. F. Peters	...	2	...	1	...	4	...	1st Sunday	...	...	...	...	...
Hardy	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	244	21	48	16	47	312	...	...	...	173	112	...	...
Young People's Societies.																
Beatrice	1906	1, 2, 4	Miss Matilda Bossart, 1624 Scott St.	22	12	...	...	...	34	15	Every Sunday	39	...	...	...	...
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1908	1, 2, 3, 4	Miss Lillydale Koser	7	3	...	1	...	10	6	1st Monday	16	...	...	...	...
Omaha, St. Matthew's	1910	4	Mrs. Olevia Kuehn, 1112 S. 11th St.	13	5	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
North Platte	1910	2	Miss Irene Watson, 1017 Elm St.	8	...	...	...	...	8	8	1st Tuesday	3	...	...	...	...
Roca	1911	4	Miss Helen Minshall, 115 E. 8th St.	9	...	...	...	...	9	...	3d Sunday	7	...	...	...	...
Ponca	1903	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wilber	1909	2, 4	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek	20	...	...	...	...	20	...	Last Sunday	12	...	...	...	...
Stamford	1910	2	Lena Heldt	23	...	...	...	...	23	18	3d Thursday	5	1	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	102	20	...	1	...	122	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Mission Bands.																
Auburn	1906	1, 2, 3, 4	Miss Carrie Mellott	19	6	12	...	...	37	20	Every Sunday	24	1	10	...	...
Beatrice	1910	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. E. P. Mumford, 1000 Market St.	15	9	...	...	...	24	13	Every 2 weeks	24	...	12	...	...
Davenport	1908	1, 2, 3, 4	Miss Sarah J. Grossman	8	...	...	...	...	8	5	Last Saturday	5	...	...	...	...
Nebraska City	1910	2, 4	Miss Mary Johnson	8	...	...	...	...	8	8	Last Sunday	2	...	8	...	...
North Platte	1910	1, 2, 3, 4	Miss Evelyn Hansen, 314 E. 5th St.	27	...	...	...	...	27	13	2d Saturday	11	...	20	...	...
South Omaha	1910	2, 3, 4	Miss Eva I. Yenan, 1014 N. 25th St.	29	2	...	...	...	31	...	1st Sunday	14	1	1	...	...
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1911	4	Mrs. Olevia Kuehn	9	...	...	...	...	9	7	Last Saturday	8	1	...	...	...
Ponca	1910	1	Mrs. J. D. Kauts	12	...	...	...	...	12	8	1st & 3d Saturday	...	...	10	...	...
York	1907	2, 3	Miss Francis Miller	9	...	...	...	...	9	8	1st Monday	6	...	12	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	136	17	12	...	...	165	...	...	...	3	73	...	...
Grand Totals	...	...	...	482	58	60	17	47	599	...	...	...	178	185	...	...

Report of Treasurer was read and placed in hands of Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand September 19th, 1910	$46 78
Receipts (see Exhibit)	760 24
	$807 02

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid General Treasurer—			
For General Fund	$257 00		
For Life Memberships	80 00		
For Thank-Offering	216 20		
For Christmas Offering	21 00		
For Girls' School in India	50 00		
For Syn. Delegate to Gen. Con. Fund	9 75		
For May Memorial Fund	7 00		
For Jubilee Fund	58 25		
		$699 20	
From Synodical Fee Fund—			
To Mrs. L. J. Saylor, postage	$0 82		
To Miss Bender, postage	1 89		
To Mrs. Badger, R. R. fare and postage	4 05		
To Beatrice Printing Co.	3 75		
To Miss Maude Martin, postage, etc.	8 10		
To Mrs. M. A. Mostert, R. R. fare, postage	1 25		
To Mrs. E. D. Miller, R. R. fare to Con.	7 20		
To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, salary	5 00		
To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, R. R. fare, etc	4 42		
To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, supplies	6 25		
To exchange	60		
		43 33	
Total			742 53
Cash on hand			$64 49

Cash on hand is as follows—

Silver Anniversary Fund	$23 40
Synodical Fee Fund	30 02
Thank-Offering Fund	39

Synodical Delegate to General Convention		4 14
Girls' School in Africa		10
Girls' School in India		39
May Memorial		45
General Fund		5 35
Jubilee Fund		25
	$64	49
Supplemental report, see below	55	17
Total cash on hand	$119	66

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH S. HAASE NEISWANGER.

Accepted and referred to committee.

For tabulated statement, see pages 72-73.

Supplemental Report of Receipts after October 5, 1911.

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee.	Life Membership.	Thank-Offering.	Jubilee Fund.	Totals.
Davenport	$0 80	.....	$10 00	$2 60	$5 00	$18 40
Yutan	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
Nebraska City, Y. P.	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
P. V. Helper's Circle, Kountze Memorial, Omaha	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Bruning Mission Band	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Ponca Mission Band	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Bruning Ladies' Society	3 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 21
Convention Offering	.....	$7 56	.....	.....	.....	7 56
Rev. M. D. Berg	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Convention Friends, for Mrs. Badger	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00
	$15 01	$7 56	$20 00	$2 60	$10 00	$55 17

Report of Historian for Year Ending October, 1911.

God's word is as full of precious promises as the heavens are full of beautiful stars.

All of them are payable on demand according to some condition named.

As faithfulness is the keynote of this convention, this verse comes to mind:

Treasurer's Exhibit of Receipts for Year Ending October 5, 1911.

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee Fund.	Expense of Delegates to General Convention.	Thank-offering Fund.	Christmas-offering Fund.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	Life Membership.	St. Thomas Church Building.	May Memorial.	Girls' School in India.	Jubilee Fund. Permanent Fund.	Jubilee Fund. General Work.	Jubilee Fund. Advanced Work.	Totals.
Offering at 1910 Convention		$4 04												$4 04
Interest						$0 90								90
Women's Societies.														
Beatrice	$11 55	1 00		$8 83	$1 00		$20 00		$0 50					42 88
Benson	13 10													13 10
Dakota City, Emanuel	14 15	4 00	$1 60	8 81	1 00				$0 40		$25 00	$5 00	$2 25	62 21
Davenport	5 30	1 90												7 20
Homer	1 50	30	60	4 05										6 45
Lincoln	8 73	4 00	2 00	10 31								10 00		35 04
Nebraska City	1 00													1 00
North Platte	22 00	3 50		19 00	1 00		10 00					5 00		60 50
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	20 50	8 10		32 80	2 40		20 00		6 35	25 00		10 00		100 15
Omaha, Trinity	12 20		70											12 90
Ponca	22 00	3 70	2 70	8 25										36 65
Rising City	22 90	3 90	1 90	38 00	7 00						25	23 50	$4 50	101 95
Roca	10 00	4 00		5 00								4 00		23 00
West Point	10 90	5 45	1 20	33 91	3 50				60			8 50		64 06
Wilber	6 00	1 00												7 00
Yutan	4 40	1 00	2 39	5 00			10 00					8 00		30 79
Young People's Societies.														
Beatrice	4 08													4 08
Omaha, K. M. Helper's Circle (P. V.)										25 00				25 00
Omaha, Trinity Luther League	3 47													3 47
Nebraska City	9 75	70		35 00	5 00		10 00							60 45
Wilber	1 35													1 35

Treasurer's Exhibit of Receipts for Year Ending October 5, 1911.—*Concluded.*

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											Permanent Fund.	General Work.	Advanced Work.	
MISSION BANDS.														
Beatrice	$2 45													$2 45
Davenport	4 70													4 70
Nebraska City	2 75													2 75
North Platte				$6 00										6 00
Ponca	2 75													2 75
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	2 00													2 00
South Auburn	4 00			1 00										5 00
South Omaha	4 00													4 00
PERSONS.														
Miss Lydia A. Bender		$2 00												2 00
Mrs. M. A. Mostert		1 25												1 25
Mrs. R. M. Badger		1 25												1 25
Rev. Geo. W. Livers							$10 00							10 00
CRADLE ROLL.														
Beatrice	11 92													11 92
	$239 45	$51 09	$13 09	$215 96	$20 90	$0 90	$80 00	$0 40	$7 45	$50 00	$5 25	$71 25	$4 50	$760 24

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Think a moment—*full of faith until death* and then a *crown*. What a glorious life and what a glorious ending!

The story is told of the Duke of Wellington once desiring some volunteers for some especially hazardous work. He said, "I desire those who will volunteer for this service to step out of line." In order not to influence them the great man turned away his face. After a time he turned and found the line as solid as before. The tears started to his eyes, and he said, "I did think there were a few who would advance; I am heartbroken." Then one of the officers saluted and said, "Sir, the whole line is advanced. We are all faithful." What a picture! How much we wish when our Christian ranks are advancing every child of God were ready for duty.

The progress or decline of any organization depends on the faithfulness of its members, either individually or collectively.

We need only to examine the Minutes of our earliest conventions and compare them with the present to form an idea of how our work has developed under a faithful few. Think what it might have been had we all been faithful. Think what it might be if we were all faithful the coming year.

Let us especially be thankful for the completion of our India-bed Fund, our large number of Life Members (17), our new growth among the young people, and our increased subscription list to our *Lutheran Woman's Work*.

The gleanings of the year in the Historian's department are as follows:

1. *Lutheran Woman's Work.*
2. *Lutheran Church Work.*
3. Minutes of Beatrice, Nebraska, Convention, 1910.
4. Tracts for the year.
5. Eighth Conference of Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse held in Omaha in 1910.

We have lost one member by death, Mrs. J. L. Wood, of Tekamah, who died August 6th, 1911.

We have seven new Life Members—Rev. C. B. Harmon and J. F. Kresler, of North Platte; Lydia A. Bender, Yutan; Edward E. Hummon, Omaha; Mrs. Andrew T. Yost, North Platte; Mrs. R. M. Badger, Beatrice; Mrs. Hoover, Davenport.

New members—Beatrice, 3; Rising City, 5; Davenport, 3; Kountze Memorial, 21; North Platte, 1; West Point, 6; Lincoln, 2—making a total of 87 new members, including Y. P. M. B.

Three practice tithing. Two observed May Memorial. One the

Twilight Hour of Prayer. A number use the book of the United Course Study, "Advance in the Antilles."

The latter part of our motto, "Every woman and young person informed on missionary literature," is being realized by the introduction of our literature into the homes through our Home Department, and new subscriptions to *Lutheran Woman's Work*.

Now let us take a firm hold on the new year as it dawns upon us, and put all we can into it, so that our history the coming year may be a large, vigorous growth, and others looking upon it in years to come may take courage and press onward and upward.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Historian's report accepted.

The Chairman of the Literature Committee suggested that each society form a reading circle and see that the tracts are read.

The report of the Thank-Offering Secretary was adopted as read.

Report of Thank-Offering Secretary.

The hearty co-operation of the auxiliaries in the work of the Thank-offering Department is gratifying, and I am thus able to report increased interest and increased offerings.

I have communicated with seventeen Woman's Societies, four Young People's Societies, and seven Mission Bands, a total of twenty-eight Societies, and have received supplies from twenty-two. If a Society is unable to carry out the plans of the Department, it is, nevertheless, encouraging to know that they are sufficiently interested to make a report.

Thank-offerings amounting to $215.96 were reported to me. This is $25.03 more than we gave last year, and some offerings may have been sent to the Treasurer which were not reported to me.

The Society making the largest offering writes: "We held our meeting Sunday morning following Thanksgiving." May not we profit by their experience?

Special mention is made of the Nebraska City Young People's Society, reporting, "A splendid meeting and an offering of $35.00."

Attractive literature is provided for the coming Thank-offering meetings, which may be found on the literature table. I suggest that you enclose in one of the unique invitations in envelope form, a Thank-offering creed and an envelope for offerings; seal it with one of our Thank-offering seals, and place one in every home of your church.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. I. STAHL.

Reports of Secretaries of Home Department, Young People's Societies, Mission Bands, Magazine and Conference Superintendents of North and South Platte and Western Divisions accepted and placed in the hands of committees.

Report of Home Department Secretary.

Last year our Home Department membership was covered by the perfect number of seven; it has since grown to the more liberal number of fifty.

Congratulations to the auxiliary at Beatrice on their splendid young Home Department—hope others may learn of you. Our very best wishes for success and development to the new Home Department at Nebraska City. To the saint at Davenport we are truly grateful for co-operation, and sincerely appreciate the endeavors of those who are silently placing missionary literature in the homes not yet interested. May God richly bless your effort.

A more prompt reply to correspondence is still solicited of auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. F. FREDRICKSON.

Report of Secretary of Young People's Department.

Your Secretary of the Young People's Department reports the following:

Have written forty-seven letters and seven postals regarding the work, urging the Helpers' Circle where it was not advisable to organize a Young People's.

The results are encouraging considering that this is a most difficult field of labor. I wish that all our ministers might realize the benefits to be derived from an active Missionary Society.

Enthusiam is contagious and means so much to our young people, and results would grow correspondingly in all Departments.

Stamford reports a splendid Society of twenty-two members.

North Platte also reports a Society, growing steadily in numbers, and under Mrs. Fredrickson's guidance growing in strength and service.

Kountze Memorial reports a "Pax Vobiscum" Helpers' Circle, a most active Society. We are glad to welcome them to our ranks.

May the coming year be more successful in this wide field of service.

Respectfully submitted, MARY JOHNSON.

Report of Mission Band Superintendent.

Your Superintendent has during the year made nine appeals for the organizing of new bands and four inquiries about old ones, to which three answers have been received, stating why they could not organize at the present time.

While two reports of bands organized have been received—one in South Omaha, the other in Kountze Memorial.

More appeals would have been sent had the Superintendent the addresses of ladies in the church where there are no organizations.

Respectfully submitted, SARAH J. GROSSMAN.

Report of Magazine Secretary.

Your Magazine Secretary begs leave to submit the following report:

During the year I have written to the Secretary of each Society once or twice, besides sending leaflets, and writing to the President and others—perhaps fifty letters in all.

As you know an effort was made all over the country to increase the number of subscribers to *Lutheran Woman's Work*. Perhaps our State has not done all she could; nevertheless the increase in subscriptions has been quite large, and our President was able to assist in the shower which was given the Editor at the convention at Louisville.

I am unable to give the exact number of new subscriptions, but we are all very grateful that the number is as large as it is, and will hope for more during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. A. L. KRAUSE.

Report of Superintendent of South Platte Conference.

The South Platte Conference Superintendent submits the following:

Have written fourteen letters; received twelve in reply.

Nebraska City has recently organized a Woman's Society, for which we are grateful to our Heavenly Father.

Bruning has recently organized a Mission Band. The spirit of God is moving upon His children.

Hardy—The pastor is discouraged in this line of work; they have no society.

Benedict is not yet ready; looking for a more convenient time.

Stella hopes to revive the coming spring.

Auburn—This congregation has no pastor, and cannot organize at present.

McCool—No society; will organize as soon as expedient.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. A. LOWE.

Report of the Superintendent of North Platte Conference.

To the Members and Officers of the Nebraska Synodical Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

As Superintendent of the North Platte Conference I beg to submit the following report: Six letters, seven calls. During October a Helpers' Circle made known as Pax Vobiscum was organized in Kountze Memorial church, at which time a pledge was made for five shares for India girls' support.

Miss Agnes Nielson is the President.

On November 13th, a Mission Band was organized at South Omaha with six active and one honorary members. Mrs. Yerian Superintendent. The report from this Society is very encouraging; they now have twenty-six active and two honorary members.

Our hearts should go up to Almighty God for His great goodness to us in leading these little ones to active service for Him.

On March 1st, we have the pleasure to announce the organization of a Mission Band in Kountze Memorial church. Although having ten members at the beginning, we now have nine, but they are indeed active, and as you heard their consecration yesterday to double their membership next year.

On October 2nd, a Young People's Missionary Society was organized at St. Matthew's Lutheran church with seven members.

Your Superintendent is assured that this is a direct answer to prayer, as our prayer was at last convention for at least two new societies during the coming year. Let us go forward as the harvest is ripe for our gleaning.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. OLEVA M. KUEHN.

Report of Western Conference Superintendent.

The field is not ripe for harvest. In another year we hope to have a Society at Potter and one at Lewellen.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. FRED THOMPSON.

Theme of the Quiet Hour, conducted by Mrs. L. P. Ludden, was "Watchfulness with Prayer."

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Praise service—Mrs. J. A. Koser, Nebraska City.

Roll. Minutes read and approved.

Address: "Home Missions," Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Western Field Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Report of delegate to General Convention.

Report of Delegate to General Convention.

Minutes of the Seventeenth Biennial Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod have been more completely issued, more widely spread and more generally perused this year than ever before, on account of their having been published in the July issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Work*.

The convention was held in the First English Lutheran church, Dr. S. S. Waltz, pastor, and all the dignity of the full Lutheran service was observed throughout the convention; each of the seven English Lutheran pastors participating. This, with the careful forethought of our hosts in providing every conceivable convenience and all true Kentucky hospitality, made it quite impossible to have desired anything more to make a convention ideal. The large banquet-hall, seating three hundred guests, was the place twice daily filled with delightful gatherings, renewals of old friendships and the forming of new ones.

Most of the executive officers and committees were present. Business in the hands of the efficient President, Mrs. Willard Larkin, was dispatched with grace and expediency. All reports of committees and officers were printed and distributed.

The convention papers were strong and varied in subjects. The theme used by the President was, "God is Working His Purpose Out." She said, "The history of the world has been the gradual unfolding of God's purpose. He had not begun the great events in the world's history until the men and women fitted for the task were ready. We in America may feel that our ancestors were God's chosen—that humanity was sifted before the men and women fitted to found the new country were discovered. And just as Americans enjoy greater privileges than the people of any other country or nation, just so are our responsibilities far heavier."

Rev. A. C. Miller, D. D., of Louisville, voiced the commendation, fraternal greetings and encouragement of the General Synod. "Not so long ago people worked for missions, because they said, 'We love Christ, but not the heathen.' To-day, women of the Christian world are beginning to look upon women of the heathen world as, in truth, their sisters; and were I an artist I would paint, in the greatest picture of the world, the cultured, intelligent, modern Christian woman at the foot of the cross, with her arm about her dark-skinned sister, rescued from heathen thraldom and darkness."

Mrs. F. C. Karper, with your Nebraska delegate, held the floor of convention during Wednesday evening. Mrs. Karper's subject was,

"What We Owe to Missions." She brought to mind the civilization of our own country, as step by step Home Missionaries made their way in city and country; and in closing she referred to one of the Western States which through a Supreme Court decision barred the Bible from the public schools—and your delegate wondered, with bowed head, if she did not mean "Nebraska."

Mrs. Chas. Hay made a strong plea for more women for the deaconess work. She told us of the beautiful Motherhouse, and of the advantages of the training over homes of any other denomination. She introduced Sister Alberta Harris as a graduate from the Baltimore Motherhouse, who is in active service in Louisville.

Dr. H. K. Fenner, General Synod President, said, "Women are born agitators, and it's a mighty good thing that they are. It is by agitating that big things are accomplished."

Your delegate's address was on the subject, "The West and the Church's Opportunity."

The story of the Jubilee was enthusiastically recounted by the Secretary, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer.

Missionaries Jeanne Rollier and Mary Lowe held the audience during Thursday evening in splendid talks on the Mohammedan work and the Homes in India. Miss Rollier reminded us of the needs of the Mohammedans. "They do not know yet, they need to know, they are lost sinners; for they believe themselves far above the vice of the world," even while living in the deepest of sin and heathendom.

In closing her address, Miss Lowe sent this message to you women: "Won't you tell them the women of Guntur district are looking to the Lutheran women at home to send them the Gospel message so that, whether they accept the Lord Jesus or not, they will at least have the opportunity of knowing what salvation in Jesus Christ Means?"

An impressive pageant had been arranged and was presented by the young ladies of the First and Second Churches.

We will record a few of the important business proceedings, leaving to you individually a more careful perusal of the reports as you will find them in the magazine.

To gain the greatest good with the broadest though most economical expenditure of the funds entrusted to their care by the women, seems to have to have been and to be the aim of our executive officers in most instances. Hence the publishing of the Minutes for 1911 as an issue of *Lutheran Woman's Work*.

Our resolution to pool the General Convention's delegates' expenses was passed, almost unanimously, and your delegate attended convention at a cost to the convention of $9.25 instead of $35.00 railroad fare.

Notwithstanding the triumphant effort which gave pledges to the amount of $28,512.57 to the Jubilee Fund, the Society has had a hard struggle to meet its needs with the offerings of our women. And only by keen and competent management the biennium came out even, not behind. Although the same struggle awaits them now, unless more generous help is tendered during these two years, when the budget, $125,000.00, is to be continued.

The reports show special work taken up by several of the Synodical Societies: the Maryland Synod supports Dr. Mary Baer in India; gives $500.00 a year toward the Clarksburg mission, and raised $10,000.00 for a Nurses' Home Building in India. East Pennsylvania supports immigration work in Philadelphia port, and Miss Goodman in Africa, also raised $5,000.00 for Chirala Hospital. Pittsburgh Synod raised $1,000.00 for portable chapel for Home Missions; supports Crafton Mission and Miss Hesse in Africa. Northern Indiana gave $300.00 towards support of Kalamazoo Mission. Northern Illinois offered the support of a proposed mission in Chicago.

Special commendation was given these Synods, and those like our own that endowed beds.

The lack of promptness on the part of our auxiliaries in sending in their offerings has worked a hardship among our Home Mission stations. This ought not to be.

A splendid table of literature was presented and it was visited between sessions quite popularly. Especially was your delegate interested in the Home Department weekly readings which are so well arranged by Mrs. Seebach, and in the volume put forth by our Publication Society, "Missionary Heroes of the Lutheran Church". The weekly readings are splendidly adapted for supplemental work in our monthly meetings; and no Lutheran home should be without a biography of such men as Ziegenbalg, Schwartz, Heyer, Harpster, Rowe, Day, Officer and Kinsinger.

The picture sheets will be valuable to Band workers, and lantern slides of India and Africa missions, which can be rented, will provide a good means for missionary entertaining and educating.

In speaking on the subject, "What Hinders the Home Department," Mrs. Seebach did not express herself as regretting that there was no material increase in membership, as she considered that the devoted study of missions in the home made active members, and that advanced a part of the Home Department to the parent Society.

Of the resolutions adopted the following were the most important for us: "That each Synodical Society have a Synodical Field Secretary who shall continuously endeavor to further or-

ganization in her Synodical district, and also co-operate with the General Field Secretary in Synodical field work."

"That the minimum dues of all the Woman's Societies be 10 cents a month."

"That the annual Day of Prayer be the first Sunday in Advent."

"That we continue our watchword, A Missionary Society in Every Church, and twenty thousand subscribers to *Lutheran Woman's Work*."

The serious tone of the convention was enjoyably and profitably lightened by the magazine shower. Following the report of Mrs. Krechting, the Business Manager, she called to the platform the editor, her assistant, and Dr. Sigmund, publisher, and amid much merriment and versifying the delegates proceeded to decorate the ladies with streamers made from 600 subscription blanks, sent from the Synodical Societies. The editor was certainly wrapped-up in her work, and Dr. Sigmund smiled broadly when the envelopes containing the money to pay for all subscriptions were handed to him.

The banquet on Thursday evening, at which many and efficient speeches were made by the ladies, was another pleasant deviation.

The next meeting will be in York, Pa.

Solo—Mrs. Sylvia S. Stough.

Short conference.

Rev. Chas. H. B. Lewis, General Secretary of Nebraska Sunday School Association, spoke of the missionary society doing mission work in the Sunday school.

The Mission Band of South Omaha, Mrs. Yerian, leader, gave an illustration of a regular meeting. This was worthy of special mention, showing what a wonderful work can be done among the little ones.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday was introduced, that the children might see a "real live missionary."

Mrs. Snyder, on request, came forward and spoke briefly to the children.

Closed with hymn and prayer.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Year.

Your Committee on Printed Minutes of last year have examined same and find them most interesting and instructive.

No errors that we deem need correcting were found.

We recommend that the President's address be printed in full the same as last year; and all reports be as concise as possible.

Was the paper, "Missions in Sunday Schools," by Miss Lesher printed and circulated as recommended?

Respectfully submitted, MRS. F. FREDRICKSON,
MRS. O. F. PETERS.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Claims.

The following claims have been presented and considered by your committee, and are hereby recommended to be paid by this convention:

Mrs. R. M. Badger	$7 20
Mrs. M. A. Mostert	3 80
Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger	9 99
Mrs. L. P. Ludden	1 60
Miss Lydia Bender	2 60
Miss Maude Martin	3 50
Miss Matie Martin	2 20
Express Pub. Co., Beatrice	5 50
	$36 39

Respectfully submitted, MRS. ISABELLA STEELE,
MISS ALICE HUMPE.

Adopted.

Report of the Literature Committee.

Mrs. Ludden, for the committee, made a verbal statement of the work of the year, and submits the following as the financial statement for the year:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$4 87
Sales at Convention, 1910	8 84
From books sold	74
From pins sold	65
North Platte	50
Rising City	50
Dakota City	50
Lincoln	50
Ponca	50
York	50
Yutan	50
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	25
Roca	50
Beatrice	50
Thank-offering program	50
Thank-offering envelopes	50
	$20 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

For literature	$8 84
For books	74
For programs	50
For envelopes	50
For pin	65
For tracts	2 15
For stamps	2 34
Balance on hand	5 13
	$20 85

All bills are paid.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Praise service led by Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Roll. Minutes read and approved.

Reports of Committees on Reports of Executive Committee, and Thank-Offering, and Magazine Secretaries accepted.

Report of Committee on Report of Executive Committee.

Your committee submits the following:

The Executive Committee has held two meetings during the year and all necessary business was transacted. Mrs. Neiswanger (*nee* Miss Haase) was bonded as recommended. We approve of the incorporating of our Synodical Society. We commend the President's suggestion for charts and maps for exhibition at convention. We heartily welcome our German sisters to our convention.

We suggest that the following recommendations of the General Executive Committee be considered item by item.

1. The minimum dues of Woman's Societies be 10 cents per month.

2. That the General Executive Committee be authorized to plan work of biennium on a basis of $125,000.00.

3. The day of prayer be the 1st Sunday in Advent.

4. That greater effort be made to realize our watchword and our goal for *Lutheran Woman's Work*, and loyal support to *Lutheran Church Work*, and that we strive to place *Lutheran Boys and Girls* in every home.

We believe the Quiet Hour has been a great spiritual uplift to

the entire convention, and suggest they be continued from year to year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. J. SAYLOR,
MRS. O. F. PETERS,
MRS. WALTER G. SPRINGER.

Report of Committee on Reports of Thank-offering Secretary and Magazine Secretary.

Your committee beg to report that we have examined the report of the Thank-offering Secretary and commend the work done during the year. We rejoice to note the increase in the offering, and would especially commend the Young People's Society of Nebraska City for their generous offering.

We would indorse the suggestions of the Secretary regarding the time of holding the thank-offering meeting, wherever it is found possible, and also regarding the literature to be used.

We also have considered the report of the Magazine Secretary. We commend her zeal in effort to increase the subscription list of our *Lutheran Woman's Work*, and would suggest that an accurate number be secured to report to convention next year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. BALTZLY,
MRS. NEISWANGER.

Report of Auditing Committee accepted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the Treasurer's book and all receipts, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted, MISS ALICE HUMPE,
MRS. L. J. SAYLOR.

Reports of Committees on Reports of Secretaries of Home Department, Young People's and Mission Bands accepted.

Report of Committee on Conference Superintendents, Home Departments, Young People's Societies and Mission Bands.

The Conference Superintendents should be highly commended for their work. They have been making extra efforts, with corresponding improvement in results.

South Platte reports one new Woman's Society at Nebraska City and a new Mission Band at Bruning. Western Conference is looking forward to several new Societies this following year. The prayer of the North Platte Conference at the convention a year ago was for at least two new Societies before this convention. It has been answered as follows: one Helpers' Circle and one Mission

Band in Kountze Memorial, Omaha; one Mission Band in St. Luke's, South Omaha; one Woman's Society and one Young People's Society in St. Matthew's, Omaha. Agreed prayer with a definite object in view could be used more in our work than it is.

In all the Young People's Department reports two new Societies. Miss Johnson suggests that the ministers should "realize the benefits to be derived from an active missionary society in their church." Some ministers who do not believe in missionary societies should educate themselves on this point. Christ did not overlook woman in his ministry.

The new Mission Bands number three. We highly compliment Mrs. Yerian on the exhibit meeting that she conducted with her Mission Band from St. Luke's, South Omaha, Wednesday afternoon at the convention session. The Bible as well as missions has been so thoroughly taught to them that it has engendered the missionary spirit to send it to those who do not know of it. Miss Grossman suggests that the name of some lady in each church where there is no Mission Band be given her to correspond with regarding an organization in that church.

The Home Department has made a phenomenal jump from seven members to fifty. It reports three new Home Departments: Beatrice, Nebraska City and Davenport.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SYLVIA S. STOUGH,
MRS. O. J. PETERS,
MRS. FRED THOMPSON.

Report of Committee on Box Work accepted.

Report of Box-work Committee.

The Box-work has been in the hands of three different people during the year. We have written in all twenty-five letters to the Auxiliaries.

A box was packed by Helpers' Circle of Kountze Memorial for Orphanage of Immanuel Hospital, valued at fifteen dollars. The Societies have contributed to the box to be packed this year as follows:

Kountze Memorial, Omaha	$15 00
Beatrice	3 20
Nebraska City, W. H. and F. M. Society	5 65
Nebraska City, Y. P. Society	2 75
Dakota City	5 50
Lincoln	6 20
North Platte	7 00
Tekamah	4 50

Rising City	$8 00
Roca	2 50
West Point	5 50
Yutan	2 25
Wilber	1 55
Bruning	2 00
Luther League, Kountze Memorial	5 00
Ponca	3 00
Grace, Omaha	1 00
St. Luke's, South Omaha	1 00
Mr. Crannell	1 00
	$82 60

Respectfully submitted, MISS MATIE MARTIN,
MRS. J. A. KOSER.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report accepted.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report.

The Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report finds the report neatly and accurately arranged. We commend her for her faithfulness.

Respectfully submitted, MISS MATIE MARTIN,
MRS. J. A. KOSER.

Report of Committee on General Delegate's Report accepted.

Report of Committee on General Delegate's Report.

We, your Committee on General Delegate's Report, find the same to be a most excellent one.

In noting special work undertaken by several of the Synodical Societies, we recommend that this Society request the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to assume a new mission in Nebraska, and assign same to our Synodical Society for support in whole or in part. Provided said request is granted, this Society hereby pledges itself to contribute $200.00 annually.

We also recommend that each Auxiliary Society make its individual donation to Tabitha Home at Lincoln.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. WALTER G. SPRINGER,
MRS. S. H. YERIAN.

Motion passed that convention adjourn for half hour.

Report of Committee on Report of Box-Work Secretary accepted.

Report of Committee on Report of Box-work Secretary.

Your committee heartily recommend the faithful work of the ones in charge of the Box-work, and also appreciate and esteem the liberality of various Societies and organizations.

May God bless you in the giving, and His blessing accompany your gift.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. FRED FREDRICKSON,
MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Motion passed that the paper, "Missions in the Sunday School," by Miss Anna Lesher, be passed around, that societies may read it.

Consecration Hymn.

Theme of the Quiet Hour was "Watchfulness Enjoined," Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

"Synodical Bulletin," Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, editor.

Officers Elected.

President—Miss Matie Martin.
Vice-President—Mrs. Fuller Bergstresser.
Recording Secretary—Miss Lillydale Koser.
Treasurer—Mrs. David M. Neiswanger.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Praise service, led by Mrs. O. J. Peters, Yutan.

Mr. Harry Fischer was introduced and the Synodical Society was incorporated, Mesdames Badger, Mostert, Snyder, Ludden and Kuehn being the incorporators.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Fischer for his kindness in drafting the articles of incorporation.

Address: "Church Extension," Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.

Rev. George W. Snyder, pastor of St. Matthew's, Omaha, was introduced and solicited aprons and rummage-sale goods.

On motion, the box-packing service was postponed until the close of the evening meeting of Synod.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., presented a plea for $5.00 for Nachusa Orphanage, which was raised at once.

Motion passed that, in event the church materialize (see report of Committee on General Delegate's Report), that Dr. Ludden act as our field secretary and organize a missionary society.

Report of Committee on Resolutions adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your committee would report the following:

1. *Resolved,* That we are truly grateful to our Heavenly Father for the guidance of His Holy Spirit during the past year in the carrying on of the Missionary work in our special field of labor; for the harmony of all our workers, and for the faith in believing that He is with us always.

2. *Resolved,* That we thank the pastor and his people for their gracious hospitality in opening their homes to us. For the decoration of the entertainment committee of the Helping Hand Society. For the special music. For the bountiful meals served us by the ladies of the following churches: St. Mark's, St. Luke's, South Omaha; Grace, St. Matthew's, First Lutheran, Benson, and Kountze Memorial.

3. *Resolved,* That we extend our appreciation of the help given by the following speakers: Rev. Isaac Cannaday, India; Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.; Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D.; Rev. Chas. H. B. Lewis.

4. *Resolved,* That we heartily thank Mr. Harry Fischer who drafted the articles of incorporation of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the State of Nebraska free of charge.

5. *Resolved,* That we thank Mrs. Yerian for her efficient demonstration in Mission Band work, and appreciate her work in gathering the children in.

6. *Resolved,* That we learn with regret of the death of our faithful and efficient co-worker, Mrs. Estelle Wood, and trust the

work she did for the Master will be an inspiration to greater faithfulness on our part.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. FULLER BERGSTRESSER,
MRS. J. A. LOWE,
MRS. DAVID M. NEISWANGER.

"What the Spirit of Missions Has Done: Intellectually," Mrs. J. A. Koser, Nebraska City; "Socially and Morally," Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Lincoln.

It was announced to Mrs. Badger, by the Treasurer, that she had been made a Life Member by the convention.

The invitation for next convention at North Platte was accepted.

Mrs. Badger was elected to convey greetings to Synod.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers submit the following:

That we appreciate the kind words of greeting from our General Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Miller, and regret very much that she was prevented being with us. Let us heed her words, and set our standard high, and pray for a large preparation of heart and soul for the work of advancing Christ's kingdom, that we may grow spiritually and financially.

The papers on "The Conference" are full of interest and facts; however, we find nothing of importance to bring before the convention.

The greetings from Mrs. R. H. Hay, General Secretary of Young People's Department, shows a large interest for our young women upon whom the work must so largely depend in the future, and we should in every possible way endeavor to enlist them now in the work. The paper read by Mrs. Koser on what "The Spirit of Missions has Done Intellectually," needs special commendation, and that we do not neglect the intellectual part for the financial.

Respectfully submitted, MISS LYDIA BENDER,
MRS. B. H. NOELTING.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We wish to record our appreciation of the efforts of our President in the fine work she has done for our Society in the year past.

She believes "the world is growing better." Under the impulse of Foreign Missions this is becoming increasingly true.

The suggestion to send the *Lutheran Woman's Work* as a Christ-

mas present to some friend meets with our approval. Let us try it and thus contribute to the effort now being made to double the subscription to that splendid publication.

We recommend that the suggestion that each Synodical Society have a Traveling Secretary be brought before the convention.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. FULLER BERGSTRESSER,
MRS. L. A. SNYDER.

Adopted.

The newly elected President was introduced and spoke briefly, appointing the Secretaries, as follows:

Literature—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Thank-Offering and Christmas Offering—Mrs. O. J. Peters.

Home Department—Mrs. Fredrickson.

Young People's Department—Miss Mary Johnson.

Mission Band—Mrs. S. H. Yerian.

Conference Superintendents.

North Platte—Mrs. Oleva Kuehn.

South Platte—Miss Maude C. Martin.

Western—Mrs. Fred Thompson.

Minutes read and approved.

The President then announced the Thirty-first Annual Convention was closed.

MAUDE C. MARTIN,
Recording Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate: , to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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